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Plainwell Middle School hosts all-school party for students

Plainwell Middle School recently hosted a special event for its students, as sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders came together for an all-school party held after classes. The celebration featured a variety of games, crafts and other activities, giving students an opportunity to connect and have fun outside the classroom.

The event was made possible through the efforts of the Middle School Parent Club, generous donors and numerous parent volunteers, whose support helped create a memorable experience for students. (Photos provided)

Veterans Spring Dinner to honor service, feature speaker Dustin Curtis

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

An evening of fellowship, reflection and appreciation is planned as VFW Post 9377 hosts its Veterans Spring Dinner on Saturday, March 14, at Lake Doster Golf Club.

The event, open to all service members, veterans and their guests, will take place from 5-8 p.m. at the golf club, located at 116 Country Club Lane in Plainwell. Happy hour begins at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m., featuring a pasta buffet. A cash bar will also be available.

Tickets are $30 per person and must be purchased by Thursday, March 5.

"Whether you served, are currently serving, or want to show your support for our veterans, we invite you to be part of this memorable evening," organizers said.

The evening will also feature guest speaker Dustin Curtis, assistant program manager for the SERV program through Volunteers of America Michigan. Curtis, a former Marine and Army Reserve member, now works as a certified peer support specialist, helping fellow veterans navigate mental health challenges.

Curtis' journey into that role was shaped by his own experiences following his military service. After deployments to Djibouti, Africa, and Afghanistan, Curtis struggled with isolation and mental health challenges, which led to a suicide attempt in 2017.

He survived the overdose and has since dedicated himself to recovery and helping others facing similar struggles.

Today, Curtis works with SERV—which stands for Suicide Prevention and Referral for Veterans—a program designed to connect veterans with trained peer support specialists who understand military life and its challenges firsthand.

The program provides immediate, veteran-to-veteran support and serves as an additional layer of mental health care, helping veterans access resources and regain stability.

Curtis now uses his experiences to connect with other veterans, offering support and reassurance that recovery is possible.

The Veterans Spring Dinner provides an opportunity for veterans and community members alike to gather, share stories and honor the service and sacrifices of those who have served.

Tickets can be purchased at allegan.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/tickets?event_date_id=3772 before the March 5 deadline.

Plainwell schools to host Family Connection Night workshop

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PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Clayful

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Strong families don't just happen—they're built through communication, understanding and the ability to work through challenges together.

Plainwell Community Schools hopes to help families do just that during an upcoming Family Connection Night workshop on Thursday, March 12.

The free event, held in partnership with Clayful, is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Plainwell High School cafeteria. Parents, teens and children are all encouraged to attend.

The workshop will focus on helping families develop tools they can use in everyday life, including managing stress together, setting healthy boundaries, working through conflict and saying "no" with confidence.

Organizers say the event will feature hands-on activities and real-life scenarios designed to help families practice those skills in a supportive setting.

Free dinner, transportation and childcare will be provided, removing barriers that might otherwise prevent families from participating.

The event is part of Plainwell Community Schools' ongoing partnership with Clayful, a mental health coaching platform the district adopted in 2022 to support student well-being.

Clayful connects students with trained coaches through a secure, chat-based system, allowing them to receive support quickly—often within about a minute. The service is designed to help students navigate everyday challenges such as stress, anxiety and peer relationships, while also providing support during more difficult situations.

The platform is available around the clock and includes safeguards to ensure student safety, including protocols that alert school officials or families if a student is at risk.

Plainwell Community Schools was among the first districts in Michigan to implement Clayful, viewing it as a proactive step to support students' mental health and provide additional resources beyond the classroom.

In addition to offering direct support to students, the partnership also includes opportunities like Family Connection Night, which help parents and guardians learn strategies to strengthen communication and relationships at home.

Those interested in attending the March 12 workshop can register online at clayful.co/plainwell.

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Amanda Rodriguez selected as new Wayland City clerk

Amanda Rodriguez

Amanda Rodriguez of Hastings was sworn in Monday night as the new Wayland City Clerk.

Rodriguez was selected among 88 candidates who applied for the job, according to City Manager Erik Wilson. She succeeds Leann Claussen, who had to step down late last year because of medical issues. Joyce Jenkins filled in as interim clerk until this month.

The new clerk told council members she's had a variety of experiences, most recently as a bookkeeper for 25 hotels. She at one time was office manager at the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department while living in Marshall.

Closer to this position in Wayland, she was clerk for the Village of Nashville.

"I'm excited to be here," she said. "I've been looking around. Wayland a lot since I applied."

Rodriguez will begin duties next Monday, Feb. 23.

In other business at Monday night's meeting, the council:

• Was told by utilities director David Paul that the city now is going to flushing hydrants every two weeks after a water problem surfaced because of an aging water main.

• Approved the appointment of Michael Griffith to the local Board of Review.

• Approved the purchase and installation of standby generators, as recommended by Paul at a cost of $3,500.

• Agreed to city employees installing an octogan-shaped modular trench box for excavation at cost of $25,433.

• Approved an agreement with the Haefner Group LLC to provide financial services as needed.

• Agreed to Wightman & Associates engineers recommendation for a bid package of a little more than $15,000 for Lift Station #7.

• Approved expenditure of a personnel hoist for the entry of confined space entries, replacing an ancient aluminum tripod at a cost of $3,700.

• Held a discussion as the Committee of the Whole with traffic consultant Aaron VanProygen about prospects for adjustments at Wayland's busiest intersection, the intersection of Reno Drive and West Superior Street.

Editor's Note: This article was written by TownBroadcast

Work on short-term rentals continues in Leighton

By Joseph Schultz

Wednesday night, the Leighton Planning Commission reviewed some feedback they received from the Green Lake Association about a short-term rental ordinance they are working on. Most of the discussion points were about the number of people at a rental unit.

The commissioners were not comfortable setting a number of occupants per bedroom, as was suggested. Instead, they opted to keep the ordinance simple by setting a maximum the number of overnight occupants at rental unit to 16.

The association was also concerned that people would use a rental house to host a large wedding. Commissioners understood the concerns but did not want to be too restrictive as to ban smaller gatherings like a birthday party. In the end, commissioners set a maximum number of people at a rental to 50 for any given time.

The new ordinance will also prohibit guests bringing water-craft trailers from parking the trailers in the street or on a neighbor's property.

The planning commission also decided to not put a cap on the number of short-term rentals. They felt that limiting short-term rentals to the properties zoned lake-residential was restrictive enough.

The short-term rental ordinance will be discussed again at next planning meeting before being sent to the township's attorney for review.

A Survey Requirement

The planning commission also considered a request from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to require applicants seeking a zoning variance to provide a survey the board can review. Commissioner Steve Shoemaker, who is also on the ZBA, stated that appeals have been denied because the drawings being provided by the applicants are not clear enough, and to scale of what is being requested.

The planning commissioners were concerned about adding the cost of a survey to an application process that is already cost prohibitive. Currently the township charges $1,000 for the variance application and requires the applicants to put $1,500 in an escrow account. The funds in the escrow account are to cover the township's costs in processing the application.

In the end, the commission passed the buck to Professional Code Inspectors (PCI) to require the survey.

Editors Note: This article also appears in TownBroadcast

Monterey meeting canceled, but solar project continues

By Joseph Schultz

Last month, the community filled the Monterey Planning Meeting room to find out about a new solar project being proposed. Representatives from NorthStar Clean Energy – Allegan Solar LLC told those assembled about their plan to build and operate a 101-megawatt solar energy and 200-megawatt battery energy storage system (BESS) in Monterey and Hopkins Townships.

After NorthStar's presentation, the planning commission took questions from the residents about the solar farm. Planning Chairman Scott Boeve stated that the township would research the questions and provide answers at the next meeting on February 9th.

However, the February 9th meeting was canceled by the township.

Monterey Township Supervisor Henry Reinart explained that the township staff have not completed the review of the project. Reinart pointed out that it is a very large project, and their rural township does not have a full-time staff to work on it. Despite the township's workload challenges, Reinart pledged that they would do their due diligence for the township, "To protect the general health, safety, and welfare."

The township has contracted the engineering firm Wightman to assist in reviewing the technical portions of the application. Wightman also needed some time to review the 357 page application NorthStar submitted.

The proposed solar project is quite expensive. The solar farm is planned to be bounded by 128th avenue to the north, 26th street to the west, 125th avenue to the south and 23rd street to the east. The landscaping for the solar project will be maintained with the use of sheep.

Northstar was planning to start construction in 2027 and be in operation by 2028.

Despite the planning meeting cancellation, the project is still moving forward. On February 23rd, NorthStar is scheduled to go before the Hopkins Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to seek relief of provisions in the Hopkins solar ordinance.

At issue is NorthStar's desire to construct the solar operation closer than the 300 feet limit the ordinance has set for a non-associated dwelling. NorthStar also wants a variance from being no closer than 100 feet from a flood plain and wetland.

On Monday, March 9th, the Monterey Planning Commission will be having their next meeting. Reinart stated that NorthStar Clean Energy's application will be on the agenda.

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Fennville planning commission tackles short-term rentals at February meeting

By Art Nicholas

The Fennville Planning Commission convened on February 10th for its regular meeting, addressing leadership elections and diving into contentious discussions about the city's approach to regulating short-term rentals.

Dennis Plantek was re-elected to serve as Chair of the commission, with Jim Hayden newly appointed as Vice Chair. The two joined fellow commissioner Claudette Lee for the evening's proceedings, which covered a packed agenda of both routine business and significant policy discussions.

The commission unanimously approved all items requiring action, including the adoption of minutes from the previous October meeting and a recommendation to forward the city's 2027-2032 Capital Improvements Plan to the City Commission for final adoption. The comprehensive CIP outlines major infrastructure investments planned over the next six years, including significant drinking water improvements funded through a low-interest DWSRF bond.

However, the most lengthy discussion of the evening centered on short-term rental regulations, particularly the city's current requirement that property owners obtain both a special land use permit and a short-term rental permit. The commission reviewed a special land use application for a short-term rental at 638 West Main Street, which was approved, but the discussion quickly expanded to broader questions about whether the dual-permit system serves the city's interests.

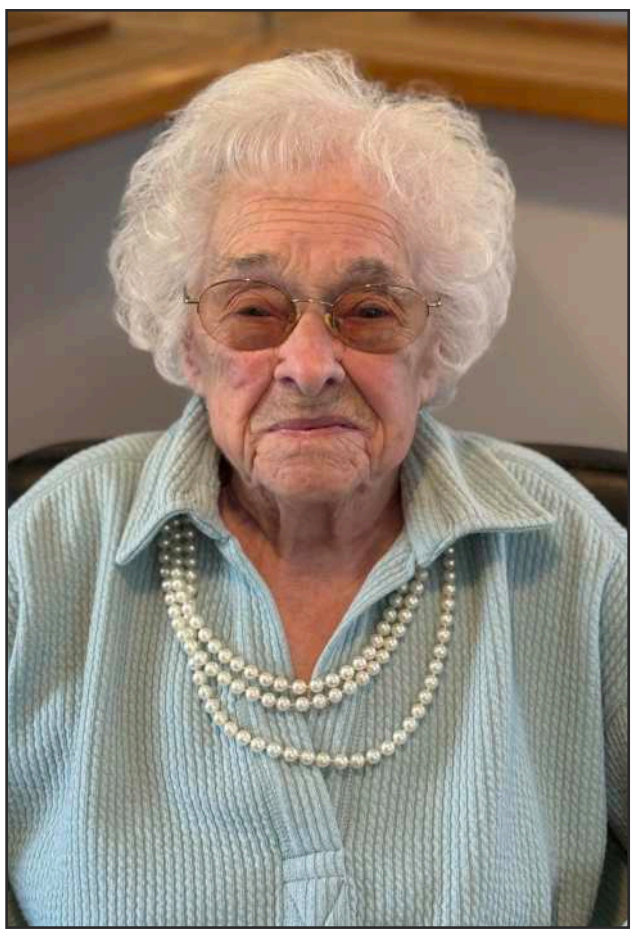
The commission spent considerable time discussing parking requirements for short-term rentals. Under current regulations, properties must provide two parking spaces per bedroom. For the West Main Street property, which features four bedrooms and accommodates up to 11 guests, this would require eight parking spaces. Most commissioners expressed concern that this standard is excessive and may be difficult for many properties to meet.

Samuel Jacobs, who serves as both City Clerk and Deputy City Administrator, weighed in on the discussion about the special use permit requirement, arguing that "The Short Term Rental Ordinance already covers requirements, so this is repetitive. It creates an unneeded step in the process".

Planning consultant Kevin Garcia from McKenna Associates also recommended that the commission consider eliminating the special use permit requirement while maintaining all other regulatory standards. In a memo to commissioners, Garcia argued that the existing regulations in Section 450-1425 of the zoning ordinance already provide comprehensive oversight without the additional administrative burden of special use approval.

The commission also discussed a separate but related issue: minimum lot size requirements throughout the city's zoning districts. Current regulations create significant disparities, requiring only 1,500 square feet for single-family homes but jumping to 9,500-10,000 square feet for two-family homes, depending on the district. Garcia presented the case for reducing or eliminating these minimums, noting that other regulations such as maximum lot coverage, building height limits, and setback requirements would still control development intensity.

The short-term rental discussion is expected to continue at future meetings, with staff directed to draft ordinance language addressing commissioners' concerns. The debate illustrates Fennville's ongoing effort to craft regulations that welcome visitors and support local businesses while protecting the quality of life that makes the community attractive to residents and tourists alike.



Culver to celebrate 100th

Alice Brooks Culver will turn 100 on Feb. 24.

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Sat., Feb. 21, 2026, 11am: Chainmail Jewelry Making Workshop. Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

Sat., Feb. 21, 2026, 7pm: Left On Main Live. Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan

Mon., Feb. 23, 2026, 5:30-7:30pm: Allegan Bands Glow Cardio Drumming. Allegan Bible Church 412 Sherman St. Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Feb. 18, 2026, 9am-3pm: Diaper Bank
Allegan Community Action 323 Water St. Allegan
Call 269-673-5472 ext. 258, or email diaperbank@communityactionallegan.org.

Wed., Feb. 18, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
1st Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Come during lunch and listen to great music, have lunch, bring your knitting or a guitar and join the open jam session. Music calms the soul.

Wed., Feb. 18, Noon: Ash Wednesday Service
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Celebrate the beginning of Lent with the imposition of ashes. All are welcome.

Wed., Feb. 18, 2026, 6:30pm: Pub Quiz Night
Tantrick Brewing Co 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Gather a team of 4-6 players, bring a library card if possible, and sign up beginning at 5:30pm. Test your knowledge and have fun!

Thurs., Feb. 19, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
3:30pm: All About Owls. Register at 269 673-4625 to enjoy the Blandford Nature Center ambassador owls. Grades 2-7 will dissect an owl pellet.
6pm: Murder in Victorian Western MI. Register at 269 673-4625 to hear Author Michael Delaware present *Murder in Victorian Western Michigan* that intertwines Michigan history.

Thurs., Feb. 19, 2026, 507pm: Third Thirsty Thursday
Tilt 118 118 Brady St. Allegan
Monthly Happy Hour with the Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce. All are welcome.

Thurs., Feb. 19, 2026, 6:30pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co, 243 Hubbard St., Allegan
Come for a night of fun playing a twist round of traditional Bingo.

Thurs., Feb. 19, 2026, 6-8pm: Euchre Night
Lynz Golf Course 500 Lincoln Rd. Otsego
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Fri., Feb. 20, 2026, 9am-3pm: Diaper Bank
Allegan Community Action 323 Water St. Allegan
Call 269-673-5472 ext. 258, or email diaperbank@communityactionallegan.org.

Fri., Feb. 20, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
3:30pm: Kids' Cookies & Canvas Paint-a-Squish! Grades 3-7 can register at 269 673-4625 to learn how to paint their own squish stuffie and have a treat.
6pm: Teen Tech Night. Grades 6-12 can explore a variety of 3-D virtual equipment and play video games.

Sat., Feb. 21, 2026, 11am: Chainmail Jewelry Making Workshop
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Teens and adults can register at 269 673-4625 to learn medieval techniques and learn to make jewelry.

Sat., Feb. 21, 2026, 7pm: Left On Main Live
Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy the music, great food and wonderful beverages.

Mon., Feb. 23, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
3:30pm: Sing Song Family Yoga & Literacy. All ages can drop in with Deb Weiss-Gelmi for yoga, music and literacy.
6pm: Bingo. All ages can drop in to play for fun and prizes.

Mon., Feb. 23, 2026, 5:30-7:30pm: Allegan Bands Glow Cardio Drumming
Allegan Bible Church 412 Sherman St. Allegan
Get active and enjoy the groove with this Fundraising Event to support the Allegan Bands. Reserve equipment for the event by emailing stacy_Jones2011@yahoo.com.

Tues., Feb. 24, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime. 0-2 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
1pm: Friends of the Library Meeting. All are welcome to join the planning for supporting the library.
3:30pm: Discover 4H with MSU. 5-12 year olds can drop in and enjoy activities with an MSU 4H leader.

Tues., Feb. 24, 2026, 2-4pm: Sugar Addiction Study
First Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Judy Hobetler and Leah Ward will monitor a discussion of sugar addiction using helpful videos on how to wean oneself off sugar.

Wed., Feb. 25, 2026, 10am: Play Café
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Ages 0-7 can drop in and have fun playing while caregivers enjoy a warm beverage.

Wed., Feb. 25, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
1st Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Come during lunch and listen to great music, have lunch, bring your knitting or a guitar and join the open jam session. Music calms the soul.

Wed., Feb. 25, 2026, Noon: Active Community Gathering
Friendship Wesleyan Church 1285 102nd Ave. Plainwell
Join this gathering of local network members to share stories of connection, discuss relevant updates, and explore ways we can work together to serve our community more effectively. All are welcome. RSVP at (269) 685-9491.

Wed., Feb. 25, 2026, 6:30pm: The History of the Great Lakes in 12 Shipwrecks
MI Maritime Museum 260 Dyckman Ave So. Haven
Join maritime historian, author, and underwater explorer Valerie van Heest to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States by exploring one dozen shipwrecks that together provide an overview of not only the history of the Great Lakes.

Thurs., Feb. 26, 2026, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Ages 3-5 can drop in for stories and activities.

Fri., Feb. 27, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
1pm: Pals with Paws, Meet & Greet. All ages can meet Paws With a Cause future service and assistance dogs, and learn about their mission and how to become raisers.
6pm: Teen Nerf Night. Register at 269 673-4625 to have friendly competition around the library stacks.

Fri., Feb. 27, 2026, 7-9pm: Euchre Night
Girl Scout Heart of MI 601 W. Maple St. Kalamazoo
The Plainwell Education Foundation hosts Euchre Night with all funds going to fund Teacher Mini-Grants, classroom resources and innovative learning opportunities for Plainwell Community Schools students. Light dinner provided; bring your own beverage. Register at https://allegan.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/tickets?event_date_id=3805.

Sat., Feb. 28, 2026, 11am: Jumpstart your Genealogy
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Genealogist Megan Heyl will guide all ages in how to hunt down and organize family history.

Sat., Feb. 28, 2026, 11am: Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening
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Sat., Feb. 28, 2026, 2-4pm: Plant Bingo!
Tantrick Brewing Co 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
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Sun., Mar. 1, 2026, 2-4pm: Bluegrass Sunday
First Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
The Williams Family Trio will assist the Rev. Jay Ayers with some Old Time Religion with a light soup supper after the service. All are welcome.

Sun., Mar. 1, 2026, 3pm: River Cities Concert Band – Remembrance
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Interested candidates may submit a letter of interest and resume to Allegan Township, 3037 118th Ave., Allegan, Michigan 49010

Posting by:
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Breaking Benjamin announced as a fair headliner

Breaking Benjamin will perform at the Allegan County Fair on Sept. 12.

Multi-platinum rock powerhouse Breaking Benjamin announce their massive 2026 North American tour, with support from Chevelle, Starset, and Kami Kehoe. Known for their explosive live performances and a catalog packed with era defining rock anthems, Breaking Benjamin continue to be one of the leading forces in modern rock.

TICKETS: Presales will run throughout the week ahead of the general on sale beginning Friday, February 20 at 10am local time. For VIP and presale info go to breakingbenjamin.com. Sat, Sep 12 — Allegan MI — Allegan County Fair 6:00 pm EST.

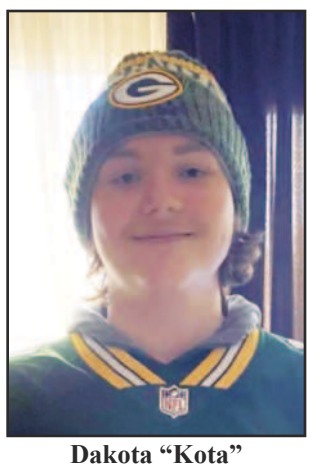
Obituary

Dakota "Kota" Allen Poling

Dakota "Kota" Allen Poling, age 20, passed away far too soon on Friday, February 13, 2026, surrounded by family and friends.

Born on August 8, 2005, in Grand Rapids, MI, Kota was the favorite - and only - son of Melissa Huizinga and Brian Poling. He was also the cherished little brother of older sisters, Emily and Brianna Poling.

Kota was known by those who loved him for his quick-witted replies, sarcastic humor, and bullheaded stubbornness. Despite never wanting to be the center of attention, he always had everyone in the room laughing. Kota attended Hopkins Public Schools and graduated in 2024. During and after high school, Kota worked for Puschel Farms, where he discovered his passion for dairy farming. He often referred to the cows on the farm as "his girls." Kota also found joy in Packers football, dirtbiking, fishing, and time spent with his friends. Kota's big heart left a lasting imprint on everyone who had the pleasure of meeting him.



Dakota "Kota" Allen Poling

Kota is preceded in death by his great-uncle, David Hawley. He is survived by his parents, Melissa Huizinga and Brian (Beckey) Poling, and sisters, Emily and Brianna Poling; as well as his grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, step-siblings, and so many close friends who will miss him dearly.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, March 1st from 2-5pm at F.O.P. Hall located at 1753 Alpine Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

Kids vs Adults seeks adventurous actors

By Gari Voss

In January 2026, the call went out for playwrights to submit scripts for the 2026 12th Annual One Acts Festival: *Kids vs* Adults. The scripts were selected. Now, the Allegan Community Players (ACP) have sounded the call for actors who would like to perform in the One Acts Festival: *Kids vs Adults*.

"The One Acts Festival is a beloved Allegan tradition. It's a low-pressure, high-fun way to get involved in local theater, meet your neighbors, and bring stories to life," stated the ACP leadership. "Don't miss your chance to be part of the magic! We can't wait to see what you bring to the stage."

ACP continued, "This year, we're aiming for our biggest ensemble yet. Whether you're a seasoned pro or have never stepped foot in the spotlight, we want to see you there. The more the merrier! We will work our hardest to find a role for everyone who auditions."

The audition schedule at the Griswold Auditorium on Hubbard St. in Allegan will give opportunities for adults and youth, ages 8 to 80. Adult auditions will be Thursday, February 19, 2026, from 6pm-8pm, and youth auditions will be on Friday, February 20th from 6pm-8pm. All ages are welcome to audition on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 11am-2pm.

The scripts call for at least 10 Adults and 10 Youth performers. The more the merrier as they work to find a role for everyone who auditions. Specifically, at least 3 teenagers are needed for key roles.

Kids vs Adults will open at the Griswold Auditorium on Friday, May 1, 2026, at 7pm with additional performances Saturday, May 2nd at 7pm and Sunday, May 3rd at 2pm. To have questions answered, email donald@allegancommunityplayers.org.

***Scoundrels & Heroes* tickets on sale**

Allegan Community Players' production of *Heroes and Scoundrels* will be on stage at the Griswold Auditorium on March 19-21, 2026, 7:30 p.m., and March 22, 2:00 p.m. Written by veteran playwright Spike Kunetz from Chicago's The Second City, *Heroes and Scoundrels* is a provocative collection of seven short plays that challenge conventional notions of heroism and villainy. Intelligent and witty, each vignette explores the shifting boundaries between virtue and vice: the dangers of blind hero worship, the possibility of redemption for the morally compromised, and the unsettling truth that one person's hero may be another's scoundrel. This thought-provoking theatrical mosaic invites audiences to question their assumptions and discover the messy humanity behind the labels. Some segments do contain adult language. Tickets available at https://alleganplayers.ludus.com/index.php.

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Congressional net worth keeps rising and nothing is being done about it

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For years, the public has watched members of Congress enter office with modest wealth and leave as millionaires. Lately there has been a lot of talk about Congresswoman Ilhan Omar's net worth soaring from o to $30,000,000 while holding office for only a few years. Before that it was Nancy Pelosi's net worth which had spared because of stock trades. It doesn't matter which party we are discussing, if you are elected to Congress your net worth usually increases despite a salary of $174,000.

While not every lawmaker fits that pattern, the trend is widespread enough to raise an uncomfortable question: **Why does serving in public office so often coincide with becoming significantly richer?**

The answer isn't singular, it's a mix of structural loopholes, weak oversight, and a political culture that has grown far too comfortable with blurred boundaries between public service and personal gain.

First, lawmakers have **unusual access to market-moving information**. They may not receive insider trading tips in the traditional corporate sense, but they do sit in classified briefings about industries, national emergencies, regulatory changes, and international events—information that can directly influence the stock market. Even though insider trading by members of Congress is technically illegal, enforcement has been almost nonexistent. The STOCK Act, passed with great fanfare, has proven toothless, relying heavily on self-reporting and generating little more than headlines when a violation occurs.

Then there's the **revolving door**. Many lawmakers know that their time in Congress, whether it lasts four years or forty, is a springboard to highly paid consulting, lobbying, or corporate board positions. The incentive to stay friendly with powerful industries is obvious: today's legislative committee assignment can become tomorrow's seven-figure job offer. When lawmakers are surrounded by people who earn fortunes influencing public policy, it's no surprise some start thinking about their own exit strategy.

Another factor is the **broader ecosystem of influence—book deals, speaking fees, donor relationships, and political branding**. Once a member of Congress gains national visibility, doors open. Publishers offer advances. Special interest groups pay for speeches. Media attention boosts name recognition, which often translates into opportunities completely unrelated to governing. These aren't illegal, but the optics are troubling: the wealthier and more insulated lawmakers become, the further they drift from the daily struggles of their constituents.

We also shouldn't ignore the **rules they write for themselves**. Congressional salaries haven't skyrocketed, but perks, allowances, benefits, and tax advantages—paired with the ability to use campaign funds for a wide range of expenses—create financial cushioning that ordinary Americans could only dream of. Add in homes, travel reimbursements, and connections to donors willing to help with everything from fundraising to consulting gigs, and the picture becomes clear.

The result is a structural problem, not a partisan one. And when public service becomes a reliable pathway to private wealth, trust erodes. Voters see the imbalance clearly: while families struggle with rising costs, many lawmakers enjoy rising fortunes.

What's needed is simple, even if it's politically inconvenient:

Ban individual stock trading for members of Congress and their immediate families.

Strengthen the STOCK Act with real enforcement, stiff penalties, and independent oversight.

Reform lobbying rules and extend cooling-off periods after leaving office.

Increase transparency on outside income, consulting work, and book deals.

Serving in Congress should be a public duty—not an investment strategy.

Don't hold your breath that changes will be made. Of course, term limits would stop the enrichment. But Congress won't enact limits and they won't stop insider trading. The money grab will continue unless we the people put a stop to it.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

On the whole, Wendell (not his real name) was a nice guy. He had good morals, was kind to his family and neighbors, worked hard, had tremendous brain power and many other admirable qualities.

We were on a couple college faculty committees together, and about once a month we had to attend an out-of-town meeting. Wendell always wanted to drive, which was fine with me.

The trouble was he could not quit talking. Plus the only topic of this perpetual monologue was himself. Do you remember that beer commercial that featured the "most interesting man in the world"? That was Wendell, or at least he thought so.

To keep from turning his nose to 12, I played a bit of a mind-game. I would start a conversation about something and, within two sentences, he not only interrupted and took over, but made the topic into something about him. Fortunately, I was not his only victim.

Even so, he talked so much, trying to sound like an expert on every single topic, that I learned how to tune him out. Periodically, I would say "Oh," or give a noncommittal grunt just to be polite. I think it only to encourage him because he thought I was hanging on every word.

Behind his back, people called him "Professor Personal Pronoun." My guess is you have someone like him in your life, and you have my sympathy.

Wendell has been gone for quite a few years and I sort of miss him. I thought of him the other night when I read that President Trump was busy sending well over 100 messages to his Truth Social media platform, as well as to other individuals and platforms.

I am astounded at his stamina. He apparently works well into the night, sending these messages. During the day, when he is not exercising his fingers on the keyboard, he talks. A lot, and on almost any possible subject.

The thing is, Trump is a lot like my late friend Wendell. I can't help but wonder if his cabinet members feel the same way about him. I feel sorry for them because their job depends on looking fully attentive, then responding with words of praise. That has to be hard on them when they attend the hours-long meetings.

Over the past two-plus centuries we have had some gentle and humble Presidents who did not constantly have to advertise themselves.

For example, William McKinley, then Ohio governor, one evening heard children singing carols outside the front door, opened it and listened to them sing. Back then it was traditional for homeowners to give carolers some coins.

The future president did more than that. He invited the children in, got their names and addresses, and sent them Christmas cards inviting them to return on a certain night. They did, and he and Mrs. McKinley treated them to refreshment and gave each child a present they had wrapped themselves. He truly cared about the poor.

Then there was President Harry Truman, who was not popular and didn't care. Early in his administration, while inspecting an army base, he learned that it was also a POW camp for German prisoners. He wanted to see it, but others tried to dissuade him, claiming it was too dangerous.

Truman pulled rank as Commander in Chief and went in to see them. Before long they were having conversations, one former soldier to another. The prisoners were astounded because their officers and Hitler had treated them like barnyard organic matter.

More recently, it was Michigan's own President Gerald and Betty Ford. One Christmas Eve when many of his staff were working late, the Fords invited them to come up to their private quarters.

A buffet was laid out for them in appreciation for their work and acknowledgement many were missing out on family events. The Fords went from room to room, talking with every guest, saying thank you and shaking hands.

Those very tangible gestures are exactly the theme found in Dale Carnegie's book "How to Win Friends and Influence People." It may be the most important book written in the last century and we need to apply to this century. Even if I don't apply it nearly enough, I have made a point of reading it every January.

There is now a sequel on how to win friends and influence people in the digital age. My late wife Pat gave me a copy a few years ago and it is my February book.

I have decided to take a sabbatical from President Trump. I can't keep up with him and I've given up trying. I'm justifying it from advice author C.S. Lewis gave to a friend who wanted to know what news magazine or paper he should read. Lewis said don't bother, because if something truly important happened someone would be sure to tell him.

I am taking Lewis' advice to heart because I can't keep up with Trump when he sends a blast one minute about how the NCAA should not schedule any other football games at the same time Army and Navy play, or trying to organize the Super Bowl halftime show. Even if he hasn't got anything better to do (and I think he probably does), I do.

Besides, much of what he is saying or tweeting is irrelevant to my life. Irrelevant that is, until he starts hurting people and then it really is our business.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Save our town and community

Dear Editor:

I am writing to inform the Dorr community and Allegan County people who may not be aware of the Microsoft Data Center threat coming to our community. These billion-dollar companies swoop into small unsuspecting communities. Buy up acers of Farmland. There is no fore thought of the consequences to the people of the community.

This Data Center is planned not two miles from town on 146 Ave. and not far from MOLINE School and Leighton townships. These centers use millions of gallons of water a day to cool the system. How long before our wells go dry? There is a possibility of Chemical Fires. Our Fire Dept. is not equipped to fight such fires. I was informed that our Department WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE FACILITY! What kind of rule is that?

Our Board is under the assumption, WE THE PEOPLE , cannot do anything about this. Because the Zoning was put in years ago.

Government changes laws every day to address changing times. Why would Zoning be an exception? They could not foresee the problems.

Microsoft has not seen fit to communicate with the people only the Board. If there were any kind of a disaster at this plant, evacuation of the area could be a ten-mile square. That could take in the local towns of Wayland , Byron Center and Moline.. And for How long?

Please, get informed.

DorrTownship-WeThePeople.com

Concern Citizen
Sandra Smith

Trump not a well man

Dear Editor:

The President was not a well man.

We all could see it.

The shuffling gait, the silly sun glasses that made him look as if he should be standing on a corner with a tin cup, the thin schedule to accommodate his naps. And yet we were told everything was fine.

Nothing to see here.

Until the first presidential debate. Then we all knew.

The Biden presidency was over.

The President is not a well man. We all can see it. Two "annual physicals" in one year, the sudden need for "a scan", the puffy bruised hands, the swollen ankles, the rambling, incoherent speeches. And yet we are told that this is just "Trump being Trump". Nothing to see here.

The President is not a well man.

And his illness has become a national sickness.

We've seen this before.

So, don't spit in our faces and tell us it's raining.

David Ohmart.

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Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

With this Super Bowl now behind us, your analysis and thoughts on day?

-Woman near the Fennville hardware store: "Oh, did they do that already?" Big smile, "Just kidding, but it was so boring I already forgot who was playing."

-Couple near the grocery store in Fennville; Man: "If the Lions or Bears or even Green Bay ain't plain' then I ain't watching it." Woman: "We don't care about the other teams."

-Man near the Blue Goose: "I didn't think it was much of a game. You know what I mean? That low score. It wasn't too exciting, but I watched it because I've been watching it since the beginning."

-Woman near the Allegan Public Library: "The whole thing was so political I decided to watch the Olympics. But Trump can even make that political and all about him. I'm sick of it."

-Woman with her: "Even the commercials were not very good. My take on it is that the way the President is always having something to say, maybe the companies, they didn't want to risk getting on his bad side. I don't know, but they weren't very good."

-Man walking his dog near Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. I asked my question, his dog lifted his leg and the man said, "Well, there's your answer. He speaks for me." We laughed, and they walked on.

-Man near the Allegan County Court House: "Me and my buds got together at a friend's house. We watched the game, but it was pretty bad. New England couldn't do much of anything but defense. And Seahawks offensive didn't have much."

-Woman near the Post Office: "We had another couple of couples over, and the food was good. That's it. The food was good."

-Young man, same location: "Well, it's done and over. You can't have an exciting game every year. I guess next year it's going to be on the same day as Valentine's Day. Maybe my wife and I'll have to flip a coin to see what we're doing." I reminded him that he could record the game to watch the next night. He did not seem excited.

-Woman near the Huntington Bank: "I'm not really into football. My daughter thinks I'm nuts, but I go in for curling, so I've been watching it." When I asked if she knew about the 24 hour curling channel on television, her eyes lit up, "Oh, wow!"

-Another woman, same location: "I liked the Puppy Bowl better. They're so cute. I just love them to pieces."

-Man in front of A-Tech: "Well, the game wasn't much, and I couldn't figure out either of the half-time shows. I guess the one at the game was okay, but I couldn't understand it. And the other one was bad."

-Woman near the ACCF office: "I'll watch professional sports once we have a new President. Maybe he won't think he has to comment on everything. I just think it spoils the fun."

Chris Reuschel takes reins of Positive Options

By Gari Voss

The Board of Positive Options that services Allegan and Ottawa Counties announced that Chris Reuschel is their next Executive Director as of February 12, 2026. This concluded a search that began in March 2025 when Garry Markvluwer announced that he would retire from that position by March 2026. With Markvluwer's disclosure, Positive Option's Board of Directors hired the Slingshot Group to conduct a nationwide search.

After a thorough and prayerful process, Slingshot found Reuschel to be a comparable match to take on the leadership of Positive Options. Since graduating from Hope College with a Bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education and Fitness, Reuschel has taken on a number of leadership roles with youth through adults.

"The Board was impressed with Chris's clear vision and contagious passion for the mission and the people served. He is a steady, relational leader who knows how to build trust, lead people well, and carry responsibility with humility," Board President Mike Van Drie stated. "Throughout the search process, what stood out was his ability to hold both vision and care at the same time. He sees where an organization needs to go, and he never loses sight of the people along the way."

Van Drie continued, "Chris has spent years walking closely

Chris Reuschel has taken over the reins as Executive Director of Positive Options of West Michigan from Garry Markvluwer beginning in March 2026. His ability to hold vision in a caring way made him a standout during the search process. Photo: Positive Options

with individuals and families in moments of deep vulnerability as well as seasons of growth and momentum. He leads with empathy that is real and grounded, paired with clarity that helps teams move forward together. At his core, he is a connector. Someone who brings people together, listens well, and creates space for others to contribute meaningfully to the mission."

To ensure a smooth transition between Markvluwer and Reuschel, the pair began working together on January 12, 2026. The intentional handoff preserves the strength and momentum of Positive Options across their four offices in Holland, Allendale, Allegan, and Grand Haven.

Positive Options strives to assist women and men as they address the possibility of pregnancy. Professionals can assist with pregnancy testing and ultrasounds, along with physical and emotional support during and after the pregnancy.

Reuschel takes the lead of a well-established organization that has a strong foundation that has grown under the leadership of Markvluwer.

"We look forward with hope as this next chapter begins," concluded Van Drie.

Outstanding People for Education nominations open

By Gari Voss

The Allegan County School Boards Association officially opened the 2026 Outstanding People for Education award nominations which are due by March 13, 2026. The Board asks that anyone in the Allegan Area Educational Service Agency (ESA) takes time to reflect on the people who make a difference by supporting education. Nominations can be submitted by anyone - students, parents, school staff, or community members.

When considering a nominee, the Board suggests that anyone supporting education be considered - teachers, administrators, secretaries, support staff like counselors, social workers, and therapists, bus drivers, custodians, and volunteers from the community.

Qualities of an individual to consider would be fall in a person's impact on quality of education and/or impact on individual student educational experience.

In the area of impacting the overall quality of education, consider:

- Expertise of knowledge and skill in their area of responsibility.
- The development of innovative or unique programs to enhance classroom experiences.
- Taking a leadership role within the school or district.
- Being a contributor as a team member within the school environment.
- Acting as an outstanding supporter of programs, services or events that significantly influence education.
- The fostering of a positive and supportive working and learning environment.

In the area of impacting individual student educational experience, consider:

Going above and beyond the job description.

Showing genuine care and sensitivity to the individual needs of students.

Nominations are due by March 13th and will be reviewed by March 31, 2026. The basic form can be found at https://forms.gle/1uMhiEtBS4NmRxBu8. Additional information can be submitted that shares personal stories or specific instances that highlight the nominee's positive influence.

Districts may choose up to three honorees from the pool of nominees. The Selection Committee is comprised of Allegan Area ESA staff who will review all nominations and select the winners. The Honorees chosen will be celebrated at the Outstanding People for Education Banquet Dinner in April 29, 2026.

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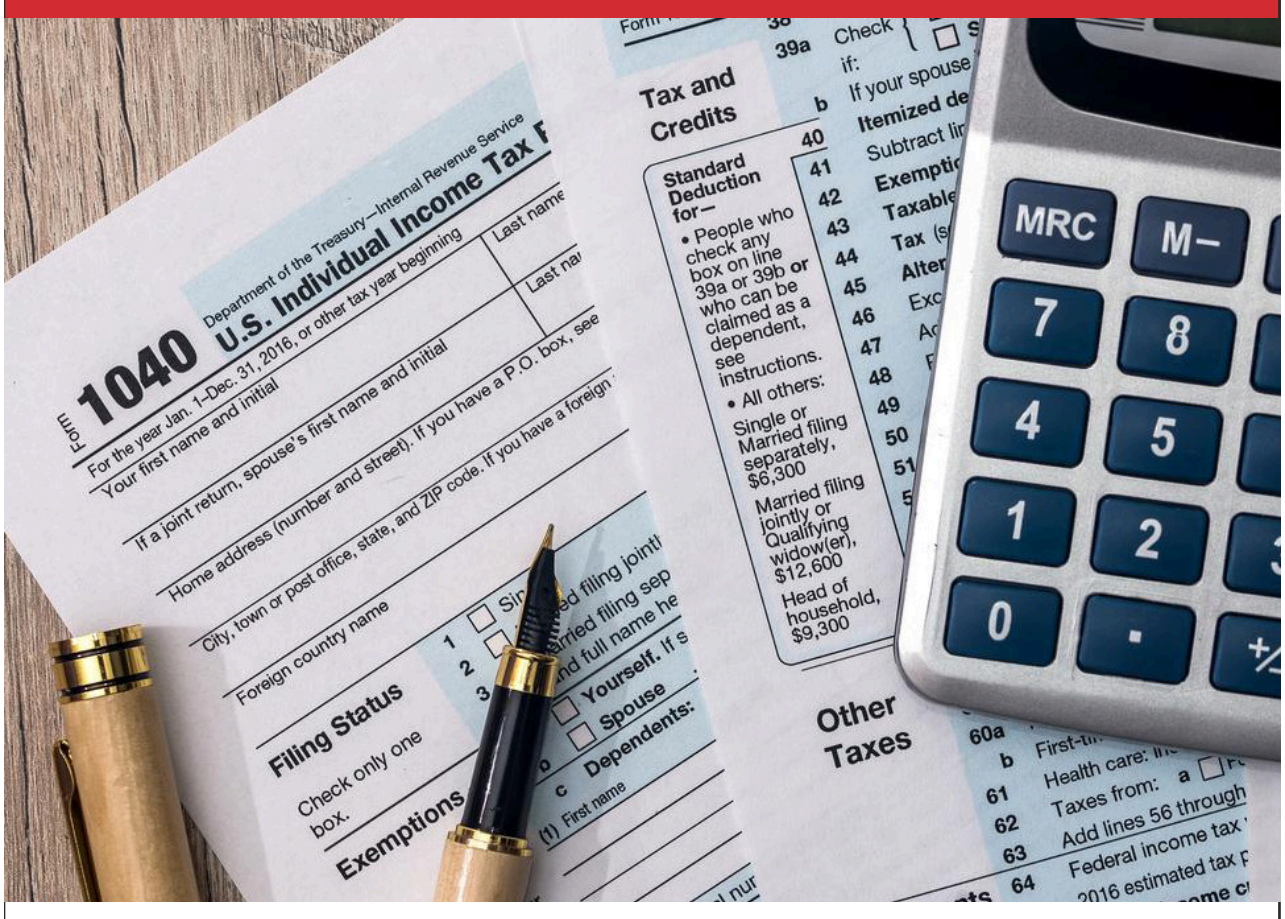

Tax Preparation Tips for a Smoother Filing Season

As tax season approaches, preparation and organization can make the process far less stressful. Whether filing independently or working with a professional, taking time to gather documents and review financial records early helps ensure accuracy and avoid last-minute complications.

The first step in preparing for tax season is collecting all necessary paperwork. This includes W-2 forms from employers, 1099 forms for contract or freelance income, mortgage interest statements, student loan interest summaries, and records of charitable contributions. Having these documents organized in one place reduces the risk of overlooking important information.

Keeping thorough records throughout the year also simplifies filing. Receipts for business expenses, medical costs, education expenses, and mileage logs may qualify for deductions depending on individual circumstances. Maintaining digital or physical folders categorized by expense type can save valuable time when preparing returns.

Understanding available credits and deductions is another key component of effective tax preparation. Credits such as the Child Tax Credit or education-related benefits can significantly reduce tax liability. Reviewing eligibility requirements in advance helps ensure taxpayers claim what they are entitled to receive.

For those who are self-employed or earn income outside of traditional employment, setting aside funds for estimated taxes throughout the year can prevent financial strain at filing time. Tracking quarterly payments and keeping accurate profit and loss statements supports smoother reporting.

Choosing the right filing method is equally important. Some individuals prefer to use tax preparation software, which can guide them step by step. Others may benefit from consulting a certified public accountant or enrolled agent, particularly if their financial situation is complex. Professional guidance can help navigate changing tax laws and minimize errors.

Filing electronically and opting for direct deposit often speeds up refund processing. Double-checking Social Security numbers, bank account details, and mathematical calculations before submitting a return reduces the likelihood of delays.

Finally, planning ahead for next year can make future tax seasons easier. Adjusting withholding amounts, organizing receipts monthly, and staying informed about tax law updates contribute to ongoing financial readiness.

With thoughtful preparation and careful attention to detail, tax season does not have to feel overwhelming. Taking proactive steps now can lead to a smoother filing experience and greater confidence in one's financial standing.

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Feb. 22, 1951

Players Score Success With Dramatic Work: Playgoers attending the production of "Tomorrow the World" given at the Griswold Auditorium on Monday and Tuesday nights witnessed another Community Players success.

"Tomorrow the World," written by James Gow and Arnaud d'Usseau is a story of a Nazi-trained youth and his response to becoming a part of an American home, the attitude he took before coming to live in this country among people who wanted to love and teach him the ways of American life. It showed how he upset the whole family and was known as a problem child, and how finally he understands they are not "against him."

The German-youth, Emil Bruckner, was very aptly played by Jerry Winter, with John Young as Professor Michael Frame and Miss Phyllis Malarney portraying a teacher Leona Richards, both characterizing their leading roles well.

Supporting them was a well chosen cast of Francis Myers as Jessie Frame; Betty Olson playing Frieda; John Brooks acting as part of Fred Miller; Wayne Bartz as Butler; Larry Foster as Dennis and Tripp Bartz as Tommy; Susan Tripp as Patricia Frame.

Directing a fine performance was Mrs. Abbie B. Smith assisted by Jarvis Limb.

Feb. 19, 1976

Bicentennial celebration begins: Americans, says the Rev. Msgr. Hugh Michael Beahan, should consider the bicentennial a pit stop, not the crossing of the finish line.

And, ironically, just that — a pit stop — was about the only thing not included in the Allegan bicentennial kick-off dinner Monday night at the Griswold Auditorium, a gathering that was attended by nearly 250 persons and lasted nearly three and a half hours.

The Rev. Beahan, well-known for his "Fifteen with Father" program seen on WOTV Sunday mornings, was keynote speaker and provided 30 with father, a passionate, patriotic call that traced the sacrifices of this nation's forefathers and called for a bicentennial celebration which not only revels in the past but plans for a strong future.

His speech, greeted with a standing ovation at the conclusion, and a chorus of "God Bless America," led by Jerry Richlich with everyone participating, were the emotional highlights of the evening of speeches and entertainment.

Master of Ceremonies Allegan Mayor Charles Sagodie guided the program, while Mrs. Jeanette Rumery, city councilwoman who planned, mothered, and worried over the program, conducted the portion devoted to plans for the year by local organizations.

Representatives from nine area organizations detailed what their groups plan for the bicentennial celebration.

John Kyes of the Allegan Area Development Association told of the tree planting project which, coupled with the Woman's History Class plans detailed by Mrs. Gladys Mosier, are both aimed at beautifying the city.

Feb. 22, 2001

Holiday delivers timeless romance: Romance is eternal. The nature and expression of love and personal relationships may change over time, but the passions of the human heart remain the same.

This may have been the first Valentine's Day of the Third Millennium, but observances of the holiday spelled timeless romance.

Ask the jewelers and flower shops.

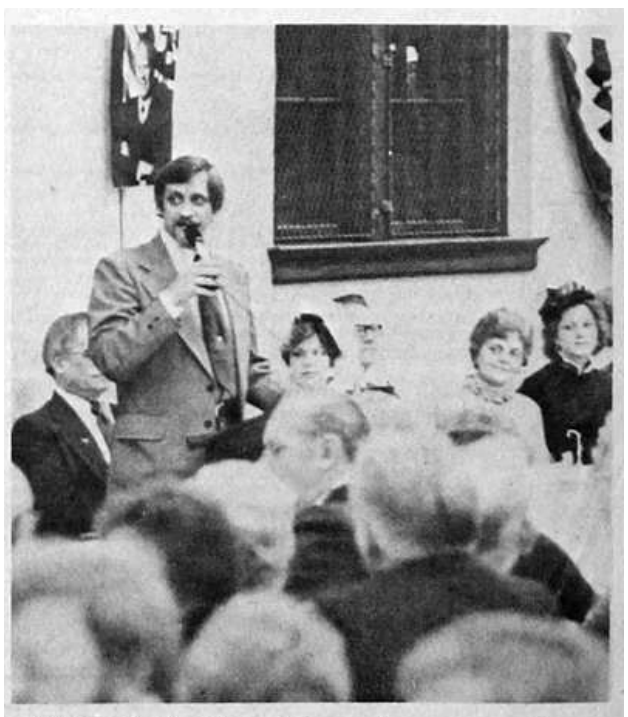
For the second year running, in other words the last year of the Second Millennium and the first year of the Third Millennium, Dean Michaels delivered Valentine's Day gifts that customers bought at McFarland's Jewelers in Allegan. Loved-ones received the surprise deliveries at work or at home. Michaels, an entertainer with the local Allegan Community Players, delivered a song with each gift, accompanying himself on guitar.

Between morning and evening forays across the county from Dorr to South Haven, all on Valentine's Day, Michaels completed 16 romantic deliveries.

"There wasn't a woman who wasn't thrilled to get something special and unexpected," Michaels said. "I delivered gifts to a couple of men, too. They were pleased to get the attention."

He said last year the delivery period covered three days.

"Of the 16 deliveries this time, 13 of the gift givers showed up on Valentine's Day," he said. "Guys are last-minute shoppers."



Mayor Charles Sagodic served as master of ceremonies during the three and a half hour program.

Have song will travel. Troubadour Dean Michaels made a singing delivery of a peridot stone to Lori Kent at the Allegan Public Schools administration building. Kenneth Kent bought the stone for his wife of 12 years at McFarland's Jewelry. (Photo by Dan Kelsey)

Feb. 25, 2021

Anonymous $50k donation to fix Ganges church windows: Churches are mostly in the business of saving souls but there's one in Fennville that's been desperately trying to save something else — two giant stained-glass windows that are in danger of pulling free from their fittings due to age and failing.

Thanks to a recent $50,000 anonymous donation, the church has reached its goal of $89,000, which will cover the cost of the necessary restoration work.

The stained-glass windows were installed when the current church was built after a 1929 fire destroyed the old church.

After 9 decades, Pastor Marcia Tucker says the weight of two windows — one located in the upstairs balcony and the other forming the backdrop of the altar — has caused them to pull loose from the wooden frames that hold them in place.

Last fall, the church solicited a window company, which quoted repairs for both windows to be $89,000.

On February 11, Pastor Tucker says she was at church and went outside to get the mail. As she was sifting through all the envelopes, she saw one postmarked from a place called, "Barnabas Foundation" located in Crete, Illinois.

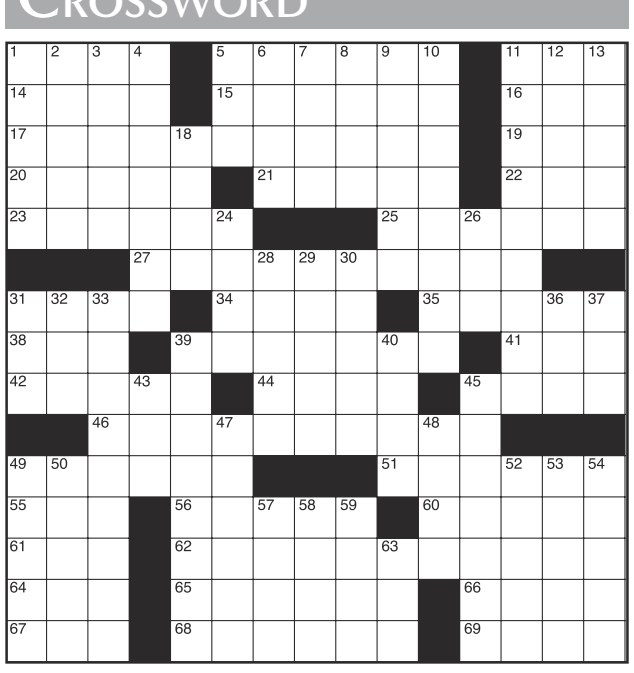
"I was curious what it was," Pastor Tucker said. "I opened it and inside was a letter that said they're giving the church $50,000 for the stained-glass window repair restoration."

"There was a check inside the envelope for $50,000, and I was just like, 'Oh Lord, thank you.'"

Barnabas Foundation is a non-profit organization that helps generous individuals designate money to churches and ministries. Since 1976, the foundation has distributed more than $1 billion in donations.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Cut quickly
5. A way to state clearly
11. River in NE Scotland
14. Expansive
15. Lacking social polish
16. Amount of time
17. Frame
19. Automobile
20. Toadstools
21. High school dances
22. Utilize
23. Experimented with
25. One-sided
27. Acquisitive
31. Potted plants
34. Everyone has one
35. Kalahari Desert lake
38. Unidentified flying object
39. People 65 and over
41. Small amount
42. Daughter of Acrisius
44. Ornamental box
45. Government agents
46. Uncertain
49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
51. Treeless plains
55. One's sense of self-importance
56. Consumer advocate
60. Type of lounger
61. Body part
62. Can be persuaded
64. Woman (French)
65. Ready and willing to be taught
66. Arab ruler title
67. Unhappy
68. Gradually went away
69. Able to think clearly

CLUES DOWN
1. Brushed
2. Small water spirit (Germ.)
3. Heroes
4. Monetary units
5. Some don't want to share theirs
6. Free-swimming invertebrate
7. Litigates
8. Outer
9. Parallelograms
10. Uneasy feelings
11. Cross
12. A way to remove
13. Pages can be dog-__
18. Ukrainian city
24. A citizen of Denmark
26. Month
28. Hindu queens
29. Group of chemicals
30. Rider of Rohan
31. Wet dirt
32. Southwestern Russia city
33. Observed
36. Angry
37. Drivers' licenses
39. Musical composition
40. Auction
43. They __
45. Women
47. Be filled with love for
48. Thick-soled sock
49. Appears
50. Old World lizard
52. The leading performer
53. Protein
54. 'Gunga Din' script writer
57. Art __, around 1920
58. __ Blyton, children's author
59. Abnormal breathing
63. A place to rest

Deaths

Jan. 9, 2026
DEBRA SUE DERINGER, 66, Allegan Twp.
GLENN ROGER ARENS, 95, Holland
Jan. 12, 2026
CAROLINE MARY WHEELER, 79, Allegan
Jan. 13, 2026
PAUL ELLIS MCCLUNG, 81, Hopkins Twp.
Jan. 14, 2026
ASHLEY NICHOLE JANIK, 36, Saugatuck Twp.
Jan. 15, 2026
CYNTHIA JOY CLARK, 67, Holland
SHIRLEY Y VANRHEE, 94, Otsego
Jan. 17, 2026
JANICE ELAINE DEKKER, 82, Otsego
LISA ANN MINGER, 52, Holland
SALLY WAUCHOPE, 79, holland
Jan. 18, 2026
RICHARD HENRY SOULE, 676, Casco Twp.
LORNE BERENS, 94, Salem Twp.
Jan. 19, 2026
ELEANOR ANN ROBERTS, 89, Otsego Twp.
Jan. 20, 2026
LINDA LOU VANORDER, 77, Allegan Twp.
Jan. 22, 2026
JAMES ERROL VANORDER, 86, Watson Twp.
RICHARD TERRY NOWLING, 92, Gun PlainTwp.
GARY LEE FRAGALE, 80, Salem Twp.
PAMELA ELAINE CADWELL, 53, Martin Twp.
Jan. 23, 2026
JOHN NELSON DEJONGE, 72, Manlius Twp.
Jan. 25, 2026
LORI JANE MARROQUIN, 71, Laketown Twp.
Dec. 28, 2026
TERENCE JOSEPH ARNDT, 69, Dorr Twp.
Jan. 18, 2026
TERRI JO PAULGER, 68, Saugatuck Twp.
Jan. 23, 2026
JOHN NELSON DEJONGE, 72, Manlius Twp.
JOSHUA MICHAEL HOLLIN, 34, Gun Plain Twp.
Jan. 24, 2026
THOMAS LYNN BOS, 86, Holland
Jan. 25, 2026
LORI JANE MARROQUIN, 71, Laketown Twp.
Jan. 26, 2026
BERNARD LEE MOORED, 79, Monterey Twp.
LESTER PARKER WHALLON, 93, Allegan Twp.
TERRY DAVID MEADE, 82, Fillmore Twp.
Jan. 27, 2026
PEARL RIEMERSMA, 93, Holland
JAMES SCOTT ZWIERS, 67, Clyde Twp.
Jan. 28, 2026
ARDITH JEAN SOUTHWICK, 90, Allegan
Jan. 29, 2026
ROBERT JOSEPH MCGEE, 78, Laketown Twp.
Jan. 30, 2026
DEBORA LYNN KRAAI, 73, Lee Twp.
LOIS JEAN BUSH, 87, Trowbridge Twp.
PAUL MARSHALL BRAYMAN, 86, Ganges Twp.
Jan. 22, 2026
JULIA ELAINE BOYLAN, 79, Monterey Twp.
Jan. 23, 2026
JOSHUA MICHAEL HOLLIN, 34, Gun Plain Twp.
Jan. 24, 2026
TINA MARIE TINSLEY, 70, Otsego Twp.
Jan. 25, 2026
HAROLD LEE DAILY, 74
Jan. 26, 2026
TERRY DAVID MEADE, 82, Fillmore Twp.
Jan. 27, 2026
JAMES SCOTT ZWIERS, 67, Clyde Twp.
Jan. 28, 2026
SHARON LEE LOOS, 84, Douglas
Jan. 29, 2026
ROBERT JOSEPH MCGEE, 78, Laketown Twp.
Jan. 30, 2026
PAUL MARSHALL BRAYMAN, 86, Ganges Twp.
Jan. 31, 2026
WILMA CAROL NUNEMAKER, 88, Otsego
CYNTHIA JEAN SWEETER, 75, Gun Plain Twp.
Feb. 2, 2026
JOAN BRENDA SAINTZ, 86, Ganges Twp.
Feb. 3, 2026
TIMOTHY PAUL BRUXVOORT, 63, Wayland Twp.
RUTH ANN SCHRICKER, 77, Salem Twp.
Feb. 4, 2026
PHYLLIS JEAN TIMM, 94, Wayland
JOANNE MARGERATE WOLF, 88, Holland
Feb. 5, 2026
ESTHER LORRAINE STEINES, 97, Wayland
Feb. 6, 2026
STANLEY FIFELSKI JR, 80, Dorr Twp.
ERVIN CARROL LEMON, 76, Lee Twp.
Feb. 7, 2026
RICARDO LUIS RAMIREZ, 66, Fillmore Twp.

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between Jan. 27 and Feb. 11:

ROSS BURTON WIGHTMAN, Fennville, and **LINDA GAIL HAGGER**, Fennville
KATHERINE KAY BERKENPAS, Allegan, and **ANTHONY ALAN FALES**, Allegan
ERIC LEE FALKENBURG, Otsego, and **JESSICA LYNNE SMITH**, Otsego
JEREMI HOWARD SCHWARTZ, Wayland, and **AMANDA MAE FENNEMA**, Wayland
MELISSA LEE CASKEY, Allegan, and **JOHN EARNEST VANAVERY JR**, Allegan
SHELBY VICTORIA GRAUMAN, Allegan, and **DAKOTA JAMES VINSON**, Hopkins
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SANDRA MARIE MCCUNE, Holland, and **RONALD ALLEN HULST**, Holland
TRACY LYNN SCHMITT, Otsego, and **TIMOTHY LEE TEFFT**, Otsego
TIMOTHY MICHAEL GRIFFIN, Dorr, and **TARA NICOLE THOMPSON**, Dorr
BRITTIN COURTNEY HAMLIN, Plainwell, and **LUCAS ANTHONY WALDRON**, Plainwell
STEPHANIE PINAR MENDIGUREN, Holland, and **JAMES LOUIS PULVER JR**, Holland
BRADLEY MARTIN BLIEK, Hopkins, and **ELIZABETH KATHERINE WANG**, Portage
EVVIANNA S BERGLUND, Otsego, and **ALEXANDER JOHN COWEN**, Louisville, KY
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RELIGION SECTION

The fifteenth verse of the sixth chapter of St John's Gospel always sends a cold shiver down my spine. In the preceding verses Jesus had worked a very great miracle by feeding a vast crowd of people. In a world where food was an uncertainty, where the Roman taxes were high, and the threat of illness and malnutrition were constant factors, this meal was a welcome treat. For some, it might have been a survival lifeline. But soon, people in the crowd were thinking if they could keep Jesus with them, they would always have enough to eat. That is very understandable.

When Jesus realized what was happening, he made a run for it. If they had had their way, they would have attempted to make Jesus do their bidding, reducing him to their servant. At first, as long as there was sufficient bread, they would have been satisfied. But all too soon they would have demanded changes on the menu - just as the Israelites demanded of Moses when they were weary of eating manna.

There are still people who try to capture Jesus for their own benefit. In the Medieval era, powerful kings sometimes held popes and bishops captive, believing as long as these religious leaders were under their control, it would strengthen their position. Hitler and Mussolini attempted it again in the 1930s until the spring of 1945.

The continuing clash between what we call in this country 'church and state,' is seen when politicians try to tell religious leaders to stay out of secular affairs. The reverse is also true. More recently, we have seen attempts to violate the first amendment to the Constitution to make Christianity the official religion.

Of course, it is not merely political leaders using Jesus to achieve their goals. For centuries some church leaders have attempted to take the message of Jesus by force to coerce people into doing their will. Often they will shout, "God told me to tell you!" The classic example is Pope Urban II who ignited the First Crusade when he preached on the theme of "For the Cross." In short, exterminate the Moslems for the glory of Jesus.

The list of these abusers is extensive, but all of them, almost always for their own purpose, agenda, or self-aggrandizement, have wanted to take Jesus by force.

That is not something we hear coming from Jesus. Rather, we read that he emptied himself (i.e. sacrificed his life and his power) for the salvation of the world.

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Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd,
Allegan, MI

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424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
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Allegan Christian Center
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

Allegan County Jail
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

Allegan United Methodist Church
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Church: 673-4236;

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Paster Ray Brown

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Bloomin gdale
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www.epiphanydorr.org
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Bob Lynch, Pastor
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www.fpcallegan.org
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Pastor, Tim Secord

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Pastor Todd Wagner

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First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell
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Pastor Margaret Stoken

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Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
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Sunday Worship: 10:00am

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Pastor Kelly Ryan
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Otsego High School holds first Jazz Band concert of the year

Otsego High School recently hosted its first Jazz Band concert of the school year, showcasing the talents of students enrolled in the school's new Jazz Band class.

The performance gave musicians an opportunity to explore a different style of music while highlighting their creativity and growth.

The concert, held Wednesday, Feb. 4, featured a variety of selections and marked an exciting addition to the Otsego band program. (Photos provided)

Otsego Public Schools seeking nominations for Outstanding Alumnus Award

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Otsego Public Schools is accepting nominations for its annual Outstanding Alumnus Award, which recognizes graduates who have distinguished themselves through professional achievement or community service.

The honor is awarded each year to an Otsego High School graduate whose accomplishments reflect positively on both the individual and the district. Nominees must have graduated prior to 2015.

The selected alumnus will be recognized during Otsego High School's Honors Night ceremony and inducted into the Otsego High School Hall of Fame. The recipient will also be featured in the district newsletter, on its website and social media platforms and possibly in local media.

District officials are encouraging community members to nominate deserving graduates.

"Let's show some love for our alumni," district officials said in a social media post announcing the nomination process. "We're looking for our next Outstanding Alumnus Award recipient."

To submit a nomination, individuals must complete the online nomination form and provide supporting materials outlining the nominee's accomplishments, career achievements, volunteer work, or other notable experiences. Supporting documents such as resumes or vitae should be emailed to Otsego High School Assistant Principal Tina Cathcart at tcathcart@otsegops.org.

Nominations are due by Thursday, March 5. Individuals who are nominated but not selected this year will remain under consideration for future awards.

The nomination form is available online through Otsego Public Schools' website and social media pages.

Plainwell Education Foundation hosting Euchre Night

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

A classic card game will provide a winning hand for local students and teachers when the Plainwell Education Foundation hosts its upcoming Euchre Night fundraiser later this month.

The adults-only event is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 27, from 7-9 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., at the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Kalamazoo Regional Program and Training Center, located at 601 W. Maple St. in Plainwell.

The cost is a $50 donation per person, with proceeds benefiting Plainwell Community Schools students and teachers. A light dinner will be provided, and participants are asked to bring their own beverages.

Organizers say the event is designed to bring the community together while raising funds for classroom innovation.

The Plainwell Education Foundation supports PCS by funding teacher mini-grants and other initiatives that enhance educational opportunities beyond the traditional school budget. These grants help teachers introduce creative projects, new technology and unique learning experiences for their students.

The foundation operates in conjunction with the Allegan Community Foundation, which provides support and resources to nonprofit organizations and school-related initiatives throughout Allegan County.

Funds raised during Euchre Night will go directly toward the foundation's teacher mini-grant program, which helps bring new ideas and expanded learning opportunities into Plainwell classrooms.

Organizers say the event is open to both experienced euchre players and those simply looking for a fun night out in support of local schools.

Registration is available online at allegan.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/tickets?event_date_id=3805 or by scanning the QR code included on the event flyer.

Sponsors for the event include Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and Papa Murphy's.

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Allegan edges past Hopkins to claim team district title

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HOPKINS—The journey back to Wings Stadium is officially underway for the Allegan wrestling team.

A year after advancing to the Division 3 state semifinals for the first time since 2014, the Tigers took the first step toward another deep postseason run Wednesday, Feb. 11, capturing a district championship with a hard-fought 36–34 win over host Hopkins.

The victory sends Allegan on to regional competition and keeps alive its pursuit of another appearance on the state's biggest stage.

Under the leadership of head coach Chase Beard—a former Allegan standout who went on to wrestle at Michigan State before returning to guide his alma mater the Tigers have continued to build on last year's momentum, showing both balance and resilience in securing the district crown.

The district final against Hopkins featured a number of pivotal performances for Allegan, which won seven contested weight classes.

Treydan Vanderkooi provided a key spark at 150 pounds, earning a fall in 1:18, while Ryan Sparks followed with a pin of his own at 157 in 2:15. Rysten Williams added six points via forfeit at 190, and Dylan Ritsema delivered a major decision at 215, defeating Trevor Anderson, 17–3.

Ayden Oisten contributed an important decision victory at heavyweight, topping Gabriel Holwegner, 7–0, while Sullivan Morgan secured a technical fall at 120 pounds, defeating Quinton Miller, 19–4. Jacob Collier rounded out the Tigers' winning efforts with a fall in 3:05 at 126 pounds.

Hopkins also turned in several strong performances in the closely contested match. Wyatt Jackson earned a decision at 144 pounds, Vinny Garza recorded a major decision at 165, and Timothy Wells added a decision victory at 175.

Carson Struble and Charlie Eding each secured wins by fall at 106 and 113, respectively, while Luke Klinge and Cooper Anderson picked up victories by forfeit.

Allegan wrestlers and coaches were all smiles after winning a Division 3 district title. (Photo provided)

Allegan advanced to the finals with a dominant performance in the district semifinal, defeating South Haven 66–15.

The Tigers controlled that matchup from the outset, winning 11 of 14 weight classes. Hudson VanderKooi opened the night with a fall at 138 pounds, and Sparks followed with a pin at 157. Caden Krusinga (165), Williams (175) and Ritsema (215) also earned falls, while Morgan (120), Cullen VanderKooi (106), Jayven Sipkema (113) and Oisten (285) all picked up victories by forfeit. Collier added another pin at 126 pounds.

Clippers roll to district crown with win over Gobles

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

One year after making a run all the way to the Division 4 state finals at Wings Stadium, the Martin wrestling team took the first step toward another postseason push.

The Clippers captured a district championship Wednesday, Feb. 11 at Bloomingdale, defeating Gobles 49-29 in the finals after opening the night with a 78-4 victory over Lawrence in the semifinals.

Martin wrestlers and coaches show off their district trophy. (Photo provided)

With the win, Martin advances to the Division 4 team regional round as it continues its pursuit of another trip to Kalamazoo.

Martin earned victories in eight of the 14 weight classes, using a balanced effort across its lineup to secure the district title.

Jacinto Lopez delivered one of the fastest wins of the night, pinning Gobles' Alyssa Sparks in just 11 seconds at 113 pounds. Zaiden Buell followed with a dominant 19-4 technical fall victory at 120, while Adler Hofer added an 18-0 technical fall at 126.

Uriah Joostberns contributed a pin at 132 pounds, and the Clippers also received key points from Carter Staton (106), Haylen Buell (175), Gabryel Anaya (215) and Peyton Schuring-Harris (285), who each recorded victories by forfeit.

The combination of pins, technical falls and forfeits provided the scoring Martin needed to claim the district championship.

Martin began the postseason with a commanding performance, winning 13 of the 14 weight classes in a decisive victory over Lawrence.

Joostberns earned a pin in 1:08 at 132 pounds, and Jace Brinkhuis needed just 55 seconds to secure a fall at 138. Owen Haner added another pin at 150, while Anaya and Schuring-Harris also recorded fall victories at 215 and 285, respectively.

The Clippers also received wins from Carter Staton (106), Jacinto Lopez (113), Zaiden Buell (120), Adler Hofer (126), Lucian King (144), Logan Curry (157), Ryan Watson (165) and Haylen Buell (175), showcasing the depth that has made them one of the area's strongest programs.

Lawrence's lone win came at 190 pounds.

Plainwell advances to regionals with district victory

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PLAINWELL—In his first season leading his alma mater, Jay Bohl helped guide the Plainwell wrestling team to a postseason milestone.

The Trojans captured a Division 2 district championship Thursday, Feb. 12, defeating Gull Lake 52–21 on Plainwell's home mats to advance to regional competition.

The title marks an early accomplishment for Bohl, a former Plainwell standout who returned to take over the program this season after serving as an assistant coach for several years and spending time on the coaching staff at Grand Valley State University.

He stepped into the role following the retirement of longtime coach Rodd Leonard and has helped the Trojans continue their tradition of postseason success.

Plainwell secured the district championship behind a series of strong individual performances across the lineup.

The Nieuwenhuis siblings contributed two of those strong showings.

Madison Nieuwenhuis turned in a winning effort at 106 pounds, earning a 15–1 major decision over Brendan Koyle. Just one weight class later, her younger brother Dylan Nieuwenhuis followed with a dominant 17–0 technical fall victory at 113 pounds, giving Plainwell back-to-back wins in impressive fashion.

Tyler Cooper added a fall at 120 pounds, while Brennan Dull earned a decision victory at 138. Austin Gyorkos delivered one of the Trojans' biggest wins of the night at 150, pinning Hayden Oman in 2:03, and Thomas Almaguer followed with a fall at 157.

Additional victories came from Truman Summer, who secured a fall at 190 pounds, and Carter Ritchie, who earned a pin at 215.

Plainwell's depth and ability to secure bonus points throughout the lineup proved to be the difference, as the Trojans controlled the match to earn the district title.

Plainwell's Madison Nieuwenhuis prepares to face her opponent in team districts. (Photo provided)

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Leeland Longcore
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The rivalry game between the boys basketball teams from Otsego and host Plainwell went down to the wire, as the game was tied in the closing seconds.
That's when Bulldog Leeland Longcore was fouled on a shot attempt and calmly knocked down both free throws to lead Otsego to the 57-55 win.
Longcore finished with a game-best 13 points to lead a balanced scoring attack.

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Ritchie returns in win for Martin

Martin's Marybeth Ritchie is seen after her team's win over Delton. (Photo provided)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN—Senior Night provided the Martin girls basketball team with both a decisive victory and a moment its players and fans won't soon forget.

The Clippers earned a 47–28 win over Delton Kellogg on Friday, Feb. 13, while also celebrating their seniors—including Marybeth Ritchie, who was able to start and score after missing the season with a torn ACL.

"I thought we played really well and had a very balanced attack tonight," Martin coach Eric Zudweg said.

Martin set the tone early, building a 12–5 lead after one quarter and extending its advantage to 25–11 at halftime. The Clippers continued to control the game in the second half, taking a 33–15 lead into the fourth quarter before closing out the 19-point victory.

Anna Jager led Martin offensively with 13 points, while Kayden Jager and Aliyah DeGlopper each added nine points. Torryn Harris also reached double figures with 11 points, and Alley Bacon chipped in three.

But the night's most memorable moment belonged to Ritchie.

After tearing her ACL in a scrimmage before the season began, Ritchie had been unable to play. On Senior Night, however, she was able to take the court, start the game and score two points—drawing an emotional response from teammates and fans alike.

"Marybeth tore her ACL in a scrimmage right before our games started this season, so she has been out the whole season," Zudweg said. "But tonight she was able to start and get a chance to get a basket. Very cool moment."

Zudweg also credited his team's overall performance on both ends of the floor.

"Delton always plays tough and is well coached," he said. "I thought our girls did a good job of moving the ball against their zone and playing tough defense throughout the whole game."

The Clippers' balanced scoring and consistent defensive effort allowed them to control the game from start to finish, while the Senior Night atmosphere provided an emotional backdrop to an already strong team performance.

Fennville gets past host Tigers

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

After a flat performance earlier in the week, the Fennville girls basketball team responded in the way coach Cory Howard hoped it would.

With renewed energy on both ends of the court—and steady work at the free-throw line—the Blackhawks pulled away in the second half to defeat Allegan 48-27 in a matchup Friday, Feb. 13.

"I thought we played flat the entire night on Tuesday, so the focus was to start out the game with a lot of energy, which we did," Howard said, referencing Fennville's loss earlier in the week to Parchment. "Second quarter, Allegan made a nice little run on us to make it 18-11 at the half.

"Second half, we came out with the same energy from the first quarter and that was the difference in the game. Plus, going 16-for-20 from the line is always huge. Proud of the girls with how they bounced back from Tuesday's game."

Fennville set the tone early, using defensive pressure and transition opportunities to build an early lead before Allegan responded in the second quarter. The Tigers cut into the deficit and stayed within striking distance at halftime.

But the Blackhawks regained control after the break, outscoring Allegan 30-16 in the second half to steadily extend the lead.

Amiyah Johnson led the way offensively for Fennville, finishing with 21 points. Ceeley Howard added 17 points, while Adriana Hick contributed six points and six rebounds. Veda Steward pulled down a team-best 10 rebounds.

Camdyn Drozd and Isabella Giovannucii led Allegan with eight points each.

Fennville's Amiyah Johnson(left) battles for control of the ball with Allegan's Breanna White. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

, who scored eight points. Sydney Cooley was next with six points.

Despite the loss, Allegan showed flashes of competitiveness, particularly during its second-quarter run that briefly shifted momentum.

Fennville followed the win over Allegan up with another close victory Monday, Feb. 16, as the Blackhawks edged Coloma 46-42.

Fennville led 12-3 after one quarter and 24-19 at halftime before holding off a late push from Coloma.

Ceeley Howard again paced the offense with 18 points, while Johnson added 11 points. Lily Achterhof contributed six points and eight rebounds, and Leslie Hernandez finished with six points and five steals.

Saugatuck girls post three more wins

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—Balanced scoring and strong defense helped the Saugatuck girls basketball team continue its impressive season, as the Trailblazers defeated Tri-Unity Christian 50-36 on Monday, Feb. 16.

The victory pushed Saugatuck's record to 17-1 overall and kept the Trailblazers firmly in control of their conference championship pursuit.

Three players scored in double figures to lead the way, including 14 from Tali Laskowski, 12 from Charlee Gustafson and 10 from Mylah Simpson.

But according to Saugatuck coach Kevin Tringali, it was the team's defensive effort that made the difference.

"Our on-ball defense tonight was on point, as we contested most everything," Tringali said. "Mylah and Tali really locked down their two best scorers, and I felt freshman Charlee Gustafson played her best game of her young career, especially pertaining to boxing out and rebounding."

The win continued a strong stretch for Saugatuck, which also turned in a dominant performance in a 59-26 victory over Holland Black River on Friday, Feb. 13.

Laskowski led the Trailblazers in that contest with 19 points while also contributing five rebounds, four steals and two blocked shots. Simpson added 17 points and four rebounds, while Penelope Grob contributed 10 points, eight rebounds and five assists.

Saugatuck used a strong start to seize control early, building an 18-7 lead after the first quarter and extending its advantage to 35-11 by halftime.

Prior to that, the Trailblazers earned a hard-fought 47-42 road win over South Haven on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Saugatuck led 19-15 at halftime and 31-26 entering the fourth quarter, but South Haven rallied to briefly take the lead midway through the final period before the Trailblazers responded.

"It was a grind-out, every-possession type of game and at a pace we're not accustomed to, and that's a credit to South Haven," Tringali said. "What a gritty performance by our kids. We're a little tired and banged up, but we found a way."

Simpson led the way with 22 points, including seven free throws in the fourth quarter to help seal the win. Laskowski added nine points, while Grob finished with eight.

A key moment came when Laskowski knocked down a timely 3-pointer late in the fourth quarter to help shift momentum back in Saugatuck's favor.

South Haven was led by standout point guard Lynique Cunningham, but Saugatuck's defensive effort limited her impact.

"Their point guard is one of the very best in the state—extremely athletic and lightning quick," Tringali said. "But I thought Tali did a great job all night not letting her get those coast-to-coast points she's so used to getting. I'm proud of how we guarded her and think we held her below her average."

Depth carries Plainwell past Allegan

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PLAINWELL--Depth proved to be the difference Tuesday, Feb. 10, when the Plainwell boys swim & dive team hosted Allegan for a Southwest and Central Swim Conference dual meet.

Although each team won six of the 12 events, Plainwell earned the 108-75 win thanks to its superior depth—particularly in the diving competition and secondary scoring positions.

Despite the final score, Allegan coach Carol Gephart viewed the meet as an encouraging performance for her team.

"With only 10 swimmers and no diving points available, the Tigers faced a difficult challenge in terms of overall depth," Gephart said. "Even so, we raced extremely well at the top of the lineup and earned multiple event victories and strong relay finishes."

Plainwell's depth showed throughout the meet, highlighted by strong distance performances from Sam Harper, who won both the 200 freestyle (1:46.86) and 500 freestyle (4:49.00).

Grady Nugent captured the 100 backstroke (1:00.73).

The Trojans also swept the diving competition, with Aiden Ranger winning the event with 233.25 points, followed by Philip Mathis (222.80) and Logan Stuifenbergen (150.95).

Plainwell added relay victories in the 200 freestyle relay (1:35.64) and the 400 freestyle relay (3:39.30), further showcasing the depth that helped secure the team victory.

Standout performances from Corbin Chopp and Oliver Burnett highlighted the evening for Allegan.

Chopp swept both of his individual events, winning the 200-yard individual medley in 2:10.68 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:03.88. Burnett also claimed a pair of victories, touching first in the 50 freestyle (23.17) and the 100 freestyle (50.68).

Allegan added another win in the 200 medley relay, where the team of Sam Kelley, Chopp, Cadel Conrad, and Burnett finished in 1:45.68.

The Tigers also turned in several runner-up finishes, including Josh Kelley in the 200 freestyle (1:58.60) and 500 freestyle (5:23.82), Conrad in the 200 IM (2:16.23), and Kelley again in the 100 freestyle (52.30). Allegan's 200 freestyle relay team of Kelley, Chopp, Conrad, and Burnett placed second in 1:38.48.

"For such a small roster, we delivered an impressive showing in the top events," Gephart said. "But the lack of depth and the absence of divers proved costly against a larger Plainwell team."

Both teams will now turn their attention to the SCC Conference meet, which will be hosted by Plainwell at the end of the month.

Plainwell's Sam Harper competes in the 500-yard freestyle during his team's win over Allegan. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Martin boys drop two games

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Slow starts proved costly for the Martin boys basketball team last week, as the Clippers dropped a pair of SAC contests to Delton Kellogg and Watervliet.

Martin fell 74–51 to visiting Delton Kellogg on Friday, Feb. 13, in a game where the Clippers were unable to recover from an early deficit.

Delton jumped out to a 21–5 lead after the opening quarter and extended the advantage to 38–15 at halftime. Martin showed more life offensively in the second half, scoring 19 points in the third quarter and 17 more in the fourth, but the early hole proved too much to overcome.

Junior Blake Sweeting led the Clippers with a strong all-around performance, finishing with 16 points, 13 rebounds, five steals, and two blocks. Ethan Fitzpatrick added 13 points, while Weson Elkins contributed seven points, three rebounds, and three assists.

"Another slow start that we never recovered from," Martin coach Corby Callaway said. "We looked tired tonight. I've got to do a better job getting us ready to play. We need to build some momentum as we get closer to districts."

The loss came on the heels of a 59–30 setback against Watervliet on Tuesday, Feb. 10, in a game where Martin was forced to rely heavily on younger players.

Watervliet built a 28–20 halftime lead and steadily pulled away in the second half, outscoring the Clippers 31–10 in the second half.

Despite the loss, Sweeting again paced Martin with 15 points, 11 rebounds, three steals, and two blocks, while freshman Mani Smit added nine points and three rebounds.

"Really proud of our guys tonight," he said. "We were without five varsity players, so we had to call up five JV guys just so we could play. The guys played hard all night and did some really good things at times. It was great to get them some game experience as we get towards the end of the season."

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Longcore's free throws seal Otsego's victory over Plainwell

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

They say that turnabout is fair play.

And that proved to be the case for the boys basketball teams from Otsego and Plainwell on Friday, Feb. 13.

After suffering a home loss to the Trojans earlier this season, the Bulldogs returned by posting a dramatic 57-55 victory on the Trojans' home floor.

Senior Leeland Longcore provided the winning points, calmly knocking down a pair of free throws with 1.8 seconds remaining to give Otsego the lead for good.

The game's closing sequence showed the intensity that defines the rivalry between the neighboring communities.

Trailing 55-53 in the final two minutes, Otsego tied the game when Mitchell Hazelhoff came up with a steal and converted a layup. After both teams traded defensive stops, the Bulldogs worked the clock down before Longcore was fouled on a drive to the basket.

He converted both free throws, and Plainwell's desperation heave from near half court fell short, allowing Otsego to escape with the win.

"We showed a lot of growth in our win over Plainwell," Otsego coach Matt Dennis said. "I've been preaching that if we take care of the ball, we'll be in games with a chance to win. The guys stayed focused, learned from past mistakes and kept our turnovers down, only committing eight.

"It would've been easy for a young team to fold or make a critical mistake in front of a rivalry with a packed gym, but our guys showed maturity and finished the game strong."

The Bulldogs built an early advantage, leading 19-13 after the first quarter. The lead stood at 34-30 at halftime and 52-50 entering the fourth quarter, setting up the dramatic finish.

Longcore led Otsego with 13 points, including the game-winning free throws. Wyatt Dennis added 11 points, while Hazelhoff contributed eight points and several key defensive plays.

Jack Cook finished with five points and had a critical block in the final minutes, while Colin Fitzpatrick chipped in three points and a pair of steals.

Plainwell was paced by Drew Rayman, who scored a game-high 17 points, including four 3-pointers. Chib Amaezechi added 15 points and seven rebounds, while Luke Filkins had10 points and nine rebounds.

Plainwell coach Larry Ash said the game reflected the nature of the rivalry.

"This is what the Plainwell-Otsego rivalry is all about," Ash said. "The players play hard with a lot of intensity on both sides, and the ones that make plays at the right times will come out on top. Otsego did a good job from players to coaches.

"The crowd was great, the band was playing, and the student section was all the way live. This is the way high school basketball should be on a Friday night in the Wolverine Conference."

Otsego's Leeland Longcore (12) finds himself between Plainwell's Chib Amaezechi (left) and Trason Stephenson. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Bulldogs post comeback win over Trojans

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PLAINWELL — Trailing by as many as 19 points in the second half, the Otsego girls basketball team never stopped believing.

And when Olivia Hildebrand caught fire from beyond the arc, that belief turned into another dramatic rivalry comeback.

Hildebrand scored 12 points and helped ignite a fourth-quarter surge as Otsego rallied past Plainwell, 61-56, on Friday, Feb. 13. The Bulldogs outscored the Trojans 22-6 over the final eight minutes to complete the comeback.

"First of all, credit to Plainwell," Otsego coach Tony Koshar said. "They came to play and shot the ball extremely well. There were times they were a little more open than I would like, but they knocked shots down and you've got to give them credit."

Plainwell led 27-16 at halftime and stretched the advantage to 19 points during the third quarter before Otsego began chipping away.

Koshar said his team remained calm despite the deficit.

"You have to have a mentality," he said. "There's not an 18-point play in basketball, so you just keep chipping away. We talked about cutting it to 10, then five, and it all happened. Nobody got their heads down."

Hildebrand's shooting proved to be a turning point. She knocked down multiple 3-pointers in the second half, helping Otsego erase the deficit.

"The real key was Olivia Hildebrand making shots," Koshar said. "She hit some big threes and that got us going. We've seen her do that in practice, and tonight she stepped up and made them in the game."

Otsego's balanced attack also played a major role in the comeback. Brooke Smalldon led the Bulldogs with 19 points and eight rebounds, while Mya Engbers added 13 points and four steals. Audrey Lingbeek chipped in seven points, and Madden Fitzpatrick and Peyton Johnson contributed four points apiece.

Koshar said his team's chemistry helped fuel the comeback effort.

"This group really likes each other," he said. "They don't care who gets the credit. They just play and fill their roles, and you saw that tonight."

Plainwell was led by Kaylee VanAtter, who scored 19 points. Alyssa Weldon and Anna Overway each added 14 points, helping the Trojans build their early lead before Otsego rallied late.

Otsego's Audrey Lingbeek (23) drives past Plainwell's Anna Schierbeek. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Koshar said the comeback reflected the Bulldogs' resilience, something they've shown throughout the season.

"That's why a game is 32 minutes long," he said. "We've been down double digits before, and the girls never stopped believing. They just kept competing."

The win marked the second time this season Otsego rallied from a double-digit deficit to defeat its rival.

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GANGES TOWNSHIP

MEETING SYNOPSIS
FEBRUARY 10, 2026 7:00 pm

1.Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance-7:00pm
2.Board Present: Hutchins, Reimink, Hebert, Phelps, Thompson
3.Approved Agenda with additions
4.Correspondence
5.Public Comments
6.Approved Reg. Mtg Mins Jan.13, 2026 and Special Mtg Mins of Feb.6, 2026
7.Approved Treasurer's Report
8.Approved Listed bills in the amount of $90,996.58
9.Reports from Fire Dept, Planning Commission, and STR Committee
10.Library Representative Appointment
11.Heard Public Comments

NOTICE

OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
TOWNSHIP OF FILLMORE
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FILLMORE, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinance as summarized below was adopted by the Fillmore Township Board at a regular meeting held February 10, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1

1. SECTION I: Amends the Official Zoning Map and rezones from the A-2 Restricted Agricultural Zoning District to the R-1 Residential District the at 5824 141st Ave, also known as parcel number 03-06-019-042-00 comprising 6.34 acres and legally described as the COM 480' W OF E 1/4 PST TH S 500.50' TH W 838.24' TH N 255.50' TH E 535' TH N 245' TH E 303.32' TO POB SEC 19 T4N R15W

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION III EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.
This Ordinance shall take effect eight days following publication after adoption. This section provides for the repeal of any conflicting Ordinances.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of Fillmore Township Ordinance 2026-1 is available at the Fillmore Township Office at 4219 52nd St., Holland, MI, during normal business hours, or upon request from the Fillmore Township Clerk.

Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township
4219 52nd St.
Holland, MI 49423
269-751-7655

SUMMARY

Otsego Township
February 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Otsego Township Board was held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at the Otsego Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Gudith.

Members Present: Gudith, Colin, Lunarde-Alexander (arrived late), Moll, Burns. Members Absent: Bumgart. There is one Trustee vacancy.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approved minutes from the January 12th regular meeting.

Approved bills in the amount of $74,929.41.

Appointed Ashlee Rose to the vacant Trustee position.

Tabled action regarding the Website ADA Update proposal.

Approved the formation of a policy committee, consisting of members Colin, Burns, and Moll. Approved Prein & Newhoff Engineering Agreement.

Approved Alternate Start Date Resolution for Board of Review; alternate start date being 03/11/2026.

Approved obtaining work order for, and moving forward with, the 15th St/111th Ave reconstruction/paving project.

Approved obtaining work orders for gravel on 12th St and Baseline Rd.

Approved $250 for an onsite AV system audit and inspection to be completed by AVTEK. Approved Clerk salary resolution at $55,535.03.

Approved Supervisor salary resolution at $25,387.44.

Approved Treasurer salary resolution at $34,753.83.

Approved Trustee salary resolution at $2,905.42.

Adjourned the meeting at 8:47 P.M.

Submitted by:
Jen Colin, Otsego Township Clerk.

Hopkins Township

2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 128 S Franklin St, Hopkins, MI 49328 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 1:00pm Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026: 2:00pm to 5:00pm & 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2026: 9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 4:00pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00pm March 9, 2026. Mailing address is PO Box 217, Hopkins, MI 49328.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	40.53%	1.23365
Commercial	47.49%	1.05285
Industrial	47.40%	1.05485
Residential	45.80%	1.09170
Developmental	48.20%	1.03734
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Cade Bolser, Hopkins Township Supervisor
Grey Castello, Hopkins Township Assessor

NOTICE

OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP
ZONING ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held at Allegan Township Hall at 3037 118th Ave., Allegan, MI on:
March 9, 2026
at 7:30pm

To consider a request submitted by Tara Elenbaas to rezone the following described parcel from Agricultural to R-2-Low Density Residential. The street address of the property that the rezoning has been requested on is vacant property located at 3505 121st Ave, Allegan, MI, and the subject property is identified by Parcel # 03-01-007-009-20. The property which would be affected by the proposed rezoning is as follows:

COM W 1/4 COR TH E 2383.35' TO POB TH N 875' TH E 250' TH S 875' TH W 250' TO POB SEC 7 T2N R 13W TAX MAP: 4.99 AC (2017)
A copy of the application for the Zoning Amendment, the Allegan Township Zoning Ordinance, and the map may be examined at the Allegan Township office located at 3037 118th Ave., Allegan, Mi, during normal business hours.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Allegan Township Planning Commission here by specifically reserves that right to recommend and consider changes in the zoning ordinance other than proposed herein.

Written comments may be submitted to:
Ted Heckman, Chairperson
Allegan Township Planning Commission
3037 118th Ave.
Allegan, MI 49010
...

Notice of Public Hearing

Monterey Township
Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, as amended, (the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act) the Planning Commission of Monterey Township will hold Public Hearings to deliberate the following topics on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., at the Monterey Center United Methodist Church located at 3022 130th Ave, Allegan, Michigan:

1. An application for special use from Allegan Solar, interested party, to construct and operate a proposed ground mounted solar energy and battery energy storage system, pursuant to Section 10.47 of the Monterey Township Zoning Ordinance, upon the following parcels within Monterey Township:

Owner Name	Parcel Number and acreage	Address (or location if unaddressed)	Legal Description
Zachary Reurink	16-025-003-00, 63.8 ac.	South Side of 128th Ave. East of 26th St.	NE 1/4 NW 1/4 EX N 248.5 FT OF W 500 FT ALSO EX THAT PT LYING SW'LY OF A LIN DES AS COM AT NW COR OF SEC 25 TH S 89 DEG 52' 19" E ALG THE N LIN OF SD SEC 902.26 FT TH S 41 DEG 54' 31" E 625.24 FT TO W 1/8 LIN OF SD SEC & POB OF SD DES LIN TH CONT S 41 DEG 54' 31" E 1158.65 FT TO THE N 1/8 LIN OF SD SEC & POINT OF ENDING OF SD LIN ALSO W 1/2 W 1/2 NE 1/4 EX THAT PT LYING SW'LY OF A LIN DES AS COM AT SE COR OF W 1/2 W 1/2 NE 1/4 TH N 01 DEG 34' 35" E 33.09 FT TO POB OF SD DES LINE, TH N 41 DEG 54' 31" W 967.82 FT TO THE N & S 1/4 LIN & PT OF ENDING OF SD DES LINE SEC 25 T3N R13W
Collier Farm Properties, LLC	16-025-011-00, 190.7 ac.	2574 127th Ave.	SW 1/4 EX W 115.5 FT OF S 214.5 FT OF N 1854.5 FT ALSO THAT PT OF SE 1/4 NW 1/4 LYING SW'LY OF A LIN DES AS COM AT A PT THAT IS 386.58 FT N'LY FROM THE CTR OF SEC 25 AS MEAS ALG THE N & S 1/4 LIN OF SD SEC AS POB OF SD DES LIN TH N 41 DEG 54' 31" W 1266.72 FT TO THE N 1/8 LIN OF SD SEC TO PT OF ENDING OF SD DES LIN SEC 25 T3N R13W
Collier Farm Properties, LLC	16-025-012-00, 3.3 ac.	Northwest corner of north/south jog of 127th Ave. at approximately 2500 mark	THAT PT OF SE 1/4 NW 1/4 LYING NE'LY OF A LIN DES AS COM AT NW COR OF SEC 25 TH S 89 DEG 52' 19" E ALG THE N LIN OF SD SEC 902.26 FT TH S 41 DEG 54' 31" E 1783.89 FT TO THE N 1/8 LIN OF SD SEC & POB OF SD DES LIN TH CONT S 41 DEG 54' 31" E 776.95 FT TO THE N & S 1/4 LIN OF SD SEC & PT OF ENDING OF SD DES LINE SEC 25 T3N R13W
Collier Farm Properties, LLC	16-025-013-00, 8.8 ac.	2496 127th Ave.	BEG 1703.91' N OF S 1/4 PST TH N 576.66' TH N 83 DEG 40' 00"E 456.8' TH N 25 DEG 42' 31"E 50.2' TH E 117.97' TH S 03 DEG 56' 56"E 389.95' TH S 84 DEG 07' 39"E 45.89' TH S 04 DEG 27' 05"W 284.53' TH W 660' TO POB SEC 25 T3N R13W
Collier Farm Properties, LLC	16-025-015-00, 75.3 ac.	2514 127th Ave.	S 88 A OF SE 1/4 SEC 25 ALSO COM AT NW COR SD 88 A RUNNING E 40 RD TH N 16 RD TH W 40 RD TH S 16 RD TO BEG ALSO A PIECE JOINING LAST PAR ON SELY COR & BOUNDED ON N & E BY SMALL CREEK ON W BY THE E LIN OF 16 RDS BY 40 RDS PAR & ON S BY S LIN OF SD PAR EXT TO CREEK EX THAT PT LYING NE'LY OF A LIN DES AS COM AT SE COR OF SEC 25 TH N 01 DEG 36' 53" E ALG THE E LIN OF SD SEC 171.08 FT TO POB OF SD DES LIN TH N 41 DEG 54' 31" W 1713.36 FT TO THE N LIN OF THE S 88 AC OF SE 1/4 & PT OF ENDING OF SD DES LINE SEC 25 T3N R13W
Collier Farm Properties, LLC	16-025-016-00, 7.58 ac	a landlocked parcel adjacent to the Consumer's parcel near south end of 24th street.	THAT PT OF S 88 AC OF SE 1/4 LYING NE'LY OF A LIN DES AS COM AT SE COR OF SEC 25 TH N 01 DEG 36' 53" E ALG THE E LIN OF SEC 25 534.11 FT TO POB OF SD DES LINE, TH N 41 DEG 54' 31" W 1222.9 FT TO THE N LIN OF SD S 88 AC OF SE 1/4 & PT OF ENDING OF SD DES LINE SEC 25 T3N R13W

2. An application for special use from Jack Krause, owner of the property addressed 3383 Jeff's Way, also known as Permanent Parcel 03-16-005-007-10, to increase the number of parcels benefiting from an existing private road, Jeff's Way, which lies within thirty (30) feet of an unassociated parcel, per Section 10.14.A.2.a of the Monterey Township Zoning Ordinance.
3. Text amendment to Section 10.14 Minimum Requirements for Private Roads of the Monterey Township Zoning Ordinance to prohibit any part of a private road right-of-way easement or improvement to intersect or cross any part of an unassociated or non-benefiting parcel.
4. Text amendment to Section 10.24 Site Plan Review and Approval of the Monterey Township Zoning Ordinance to add an additional approval criterion requiring proposed site plans to properly address and mitigate hazardous or incongruous traffic impacts.
5. Any other business that comes properly before the Planning Commission.

Copies are available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours and on the Monterey Township Website at www.montereytownship.org.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the requests. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission Secretary at Monterey Township Hall, 2999 30th Street, Allegan, Michigan, 49010 or by calling 616-877-2000. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

SCOTT BOEVE, CHAIR
MONTEREY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
616-877-2000

Public Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on March 5, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph J. Laroy Married Man and Pricilla Laroy, His Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, dated September 27, 2004, and recorded September 30, 2004 in Liber 2738, Page 108, in Allegan County records, Michigan, and assigned to Household Finance Corporation III by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on November 12, 2008 in Liber 3275, Page 667, and assigned to Household Finance Corporation III by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on April 10, 2012 in Liber 3607, Page 376, and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on February 24, 2014 in Liber 3816, Page 688, and assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, National Association, as Trustee of the FW Series I Trust by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on May 12, 2020 in Liber 4461, Page 226, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety One and 42/100 dollars ($133,591.42). Said premises are situated in the Township of Otsego, County of Allegan, and State of Michigan, and particularly described as: Lot 5, Oak View Farm, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 15 of Plats, Page 66, Allegan County Records. Property Address:282 Zak Road, Plainwell, MI 49080 Parcel No.: 17-660-005-00 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: January 29, 2026 For more information, please call: (513) 444-4100 Sottile and Barile PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2410006 - Laroy, Joseph J.
(01-29)(02-19)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, March 5, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Scott C. Goodman a married man & Maria Goodman, his wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC DBA Vamortgagecenter.com DBA Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 30, 2011, and recorded on January 10, 2012, in Liber 3580, Page 323, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 15, 2025 and recorded October 15, 2025 in Liber 5077, Page 854, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Four and 93/100 ($154,174.93) including interest at the rate of 3.75000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of MANLIUS, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 11 of Greenfield Estates according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 14 of Plats, Page 20 of Allegan County Records And Part of the Northeast 1/4 and part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 3 North, Range 15 West Manlius Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 9, Greenfield Estates, Manlius Township, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof; thence South 87 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds East 330.00 feet along the South line of said Greenfield Estates, to the Southeast corner of Lot 11 of said Greenfield Estates; thence South 41 degrees 07 minutes 38 seconds West 151.63 feet; thence South 05 degrees 46 minutes 50 seconds West 1660 feet more or less to the waters edge of the Rabbit River; thence Westerly and Southwesterly 129 feet more or less to a point on the West line of Lot 9 extended of said Greenfield Estates, bearing South 02 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds West from the Point of Beginning; thence North 02 degrees 01 minutes 30 seconds East 1805 feet more or less along said line, to the Point of Beginning. Commonly known as: 4842 GREEN RIDGE TRAIL, HAMILTON, MI 49419 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: January 29, 2026 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Nationstar Mortgage LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00900-1
(01-29)(02-19)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on March 5, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Derek Gentry, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PHH Asset Services LLC
Date of Mortgage: June 5, 2025
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 2, 2025
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $293,968.98
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Ganges, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at a point found by commencing at the West 1/4 post of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 16 West, Ganges Township, Allegan County, Michigan; thence North on the West Section line, 308.02 feet; thence South

LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP

Planning Commission
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (PA 110 of 2006), the Leighton Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the following requests during its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at Leighton Township Hall, 4451 12th Street, Suite A, Wayland, MI 49348.

Public hearings will be held on the following items:

1. A request from Jaime Mathew and Kimley Horn of Horvath Towers, interested party of 1148 138th Avenue, also known as permanent parcel 03-13-031-003-00, for a special use permit and related site plan review to construct a 140-foot monopole cell tower within the AG Agricultural District, per Section 5.03(r) of the Leighton Township Zoning Ordinance.
2. A request from PJ Ciotola, interested party of 4225 Morren St, also known as permanent parcel 03-13-265-006-00, for a special use permit to establish a fitness center within the I Industrial District, per Section 11.03(z) of the Leighton Township Zoning Ordinance.
3. A request from Scott and Linda Oshinski, property owners of 4791 Stanton Court, also known as permanent parcel 03-13-315-006-01, to construct a detached accessory building larger than is permitted by right within the R-1 Rural Estate District, per Section 3.11(b) of the Leighton Township Zoning Ordinance.
4. Any other such business as may come before the Leighton Township Planning Commission.

A copy of all applications and related materials is available for review at the Leighton Township Office during regular business hours from Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.p. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Leighton Township Office at (616) 891-8238 or the Leighton Township Clerk, Rachel Fennema, at (616) 891-8238 ext. 114 or by email at clerk@leightontownship.org.

This meeting and public hearing are intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the requests. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of Rachel Fennema, Township Clerk, care of Leighton Township, 4451 12th Street, Suite A, Wayland, MI 49348, up until the time of the public hearing.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

BEN POTTS, CHAIR
LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
616-891-8238

NOTICE

TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE
CITY OF PLAINWELL
BOARD OF REVIEW
MARCH 2026

Tuesday, March 03, 2026 -
9:30am - Organizational meeting (no hearings)
Location: Plainwell City Hall Conference Room
211 N. Main St.
Plainwell, MI 49080

Monday, March 09, 2026 -
1:00pm - 4:00pm and 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 -
9:00am - 12:00pm and 2:00pm - 7:00pm
Location: Plainwell Department of Public Safety
119 Island Ave.
Plainwell, MI 49080

The Board will meet on the dates and times stated above for the purpose of hearing appeals to the 2026 assessments.

Hearings are by appointment. To make an appointment, call (269) 685-6821 Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm.

Beginning Ratios and factors are:

Commercial Ratio	45.62%	Factor: 1.0960
Industrial Ratio	38.08%	Factor: 1.3130
Residential Ratio	47.35%	Factor: 1.0559

Michael Richmond, Assessor
City of Plainwell

LEE TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lee Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 877 56th St, Pullman, MI 49450 on the following dates:

March 3, 2026 6:30pm - Organizational Meeting
March 9, 2026 2:00pm - 5:00pm & 6:00pm - 9:00pm - Appeals Meeting
March 10, 2026 11:00am - 2:00pm & 3:00pm - 6:00pm - Appeals Meeting

Please call or email for an appointment to appear before the Board of Review. Letter appeals are accepted and must be filed with the Assessor prior to 5:00pm, March 9th, 2026. All appeals are required to submit form L-4035 – Petition to Board of Review.

Please note, the Monday March 9th evening session of the March Board of Review will be held concurrently, but separately, from the Township Board meeting beginning at 7:30pm.

The 2026 tentative ratios and multiplying factors are listed by class as set by the Allegan County Equalization Department as follows:

Agricultural	43.71 / 1.14390
Commercial	47.35 / 1.05597
Industrial	44.27 / 1.12943
Residential	44.72 / 1.11807
Personal Property	50.00 / 1.00000

Heather Jahr
Lee Township Assessor
(616) 970-7820
leeassessor1@gmail.com

NOTICE

MONTEREY TOWNSHIP
2026 BOARD OF REVIEW

TO ALL TOWNSHIP TAXPAYERS:
THE 2026 BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTEREY WILL MEET AT THE MONTEREY COMMUNITY BUILDING, 2999 30TH STREET, ON

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

HEARING APPEALS
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026
from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
and
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026
from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The tentative recommended equalization ratios and estimated multipliers (factors) necessary to compute state equalized values of real and personal property in the Township of Monterey for 2026 are:

CLASS RATIO	(%)	MULTIPLIER
AGRICULTURAL	44.40	1.1261
COMMERCIAL	44.07	1.1346
INDUSTRIAL	45.84	1.0908
RESIDENTIAL	44.63	1.1203
PERSONAL	50.00	1.00000

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided the protest letter is received by the Assessor before 5:00 P.M. on Friday, March 6, 2026. For an appointment please call (269) 358-8727.

Brian Busscher
Monterey Township Assessor
2999 30th St.
Allegan, MI 49010
269/793-2014 x 4

NOTICE

WATSON TOWNSHIP
2026 Board of Review

TO ALL TOWNSHIP TAXPAYERS: The 2026 Board of Review of the Township of Watson will meet at the Watson Township Hall, 1895 118th Ave., Allegan, MI on

Organizational Meeting:
Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:00pm
Organizational meeting only, no tax protest at this meeting.

TAX PROTEST WILL BE HEARD:

Monday, March 16, 2026	Tuesday, March 17, 2026
9:00 am to 12:00 pm	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

At which time the board of review will hear protest relative to assessments for 2026 and will, upon presentation of sufficient evidence, correct the assessments in a manner as will, in their judgement, make it relatively just as equal.

The tentative factors of the Township of Watson for 2026 are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Agriculture	42.01	1.19019
Commercial	42.21	1.18455
Industrial	33.94	1.47319
Residential	48.87	1.02312
Developmental	NC	NC
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Please direct all written, faxed or e-mailed replies to:

Watson Township Supervisor, Kevin Travis
1895 118th Ave.
Allegan, MI 49010
Fax: 269-672-5488
Email: supervisor@watsontownshipmi.gov

All written replies must be received no later than Monday, March 09, 2026

NOTICE

Valley Township
2026 Board of Review

The Valley Township Board of Review will be held at the Valley Township Hall, 2054 N. M-40, Allegan, MI 49010, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 3, 11 AM – Organizational Meeting only
Tuesday, March 10, 9 AM to 12 PM and 1 PM to 4 PM – Appeal Hearing
Friday, March 13, 1 PM to 4 PM and 6 PM to 9 PM – Appeal Hearing

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2026 assessments. Letters are accepted as appeal, provided they are received prior to the first appeal hearing. Send letter to the Valley Township Board of Review, 2054 N. M-40, Allegan, MI 49010.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2026 as provided by the Allegan County Equalization Department are as follows:

Agricultural	43.64%	1.14573
Commercial	50.30%	0.99403
Industrial	49.14%	1.00000
Residential	47.86%	1.04471
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

State Equalized Value (SEV) represents 50% of the True Cash Value of the property. Taxable Value (TV) is the lower of the SEV or the 2025 TV multiplied by the Inflation Rate Multiplier (1.027). Transfers of ownership in 2025 will cause the cap in taxable value to be removed, making the taxable value equal to the SEV for 2026.

Mike Krcatovich
Valley Township Supervisor

Krista Simmons
Valley Township Assessor

Public Notices

88 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds East, 1062.00 feet to the place of beginning of this description; thence North parallel with the West Section line, 347.00 feet to the North line of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4; thence South 88 degrees 52 minutes 56 seconds East on same, 1243.67 feet; thence 110.00 feet around a curve to the right with a radius of 68,564.94 feet and a chord that bears South 00 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds - East, 110.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 52 minutes 56 seconds East, 40.01 feet to the Westerly line of 1-196 highway; thence along said Westerly line 235.80 feet around a curve to the right with a radius of 68,604.94 feet and a chord that bears South 00 degrees 06 minutes 24 seconds West, 235.80 feet; thence North 88 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds West, 1283.29 feet to the place of beginning.

Together with an easement for ingress-egress and public utilities over a 66 foot wide strip of land with turnaround described as beginning on the West line of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 16 West at a point 449.46 feet North of the West 1/4 post of the Section; thence North on the Section line, 67.39 feet; thence South 78 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East 188.00 feet; thence South 45 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 193.50 feet; thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds East, 954.04 feet; thence 242.09 feet around a curve to the right with a radius of 50

feet and a chord that bears South 01 degree 03 minutes 53 seconds West, 66.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds West 980.66 feet; thence North 45 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 200.36 feet; thence North 78 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West, 154.61 feet to the place of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 6953 Conklin Ln, Fennville, MI 49408-9795

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: January 29, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1583019
(01-29)(02-19)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on 3/19/2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Christopher Madalinski and Brandi Madalinski. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Guaranteed Rate, Inc. Date of mortgage: 5/6/2022. Mortgage recorded on 7/27/2022 as Document No. 2022014735, in Liber 4782, Page 776. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: $58,292.34 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES SITUATED IN THE CITY OF ALLEGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, TO-WIT: PARCEL 1: BEGINNING AT THE WESTERLY MOST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK "F" OF JAMES B. STREETER'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN; THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 19' 33" EAST 89.65 FEET (PLATTED AS NORTH 39 DEGREES 30" EAST), ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF JULIA STREET; THENCE SOUTH 56 DEGREES 12' 02" EAST, 132.69 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 12' 34" WEST, ON SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LOT LINE, 88.62 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY MOST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE NORTH 56 DEGREES 38' 07" WEST, ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 132.97 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. AND PARCEL 2: COMMENCING AT THE WESTERLY MOST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK "F" OF JAMES B. STREETER'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN; RUNNING THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 1, 192 FEET, THENCE DUE WEST 148.3 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS 231 FEET EAST OF THE EAST 1/8TH IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, THENCE DUE NORTH 132 FEET TO THE CENTER OF JULIA STREET, IF EXTENDED, THENCE EASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 14 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 33 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST. Commonly known as 313 Julia St, Allegan, MI 49010. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 02/05/2026. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-25-00248
(02-05)(02-26)

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on MARCH 19, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jackson D. Hasty, an unmarried man, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC., Mortgagee, dated January 9, 2017 and recorded January 12, 2017 in Liber 4104, Page 805 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association as successor by merger to FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand and 94/100 Dollars ($121,000.94).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on MARCH 19, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Martin, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 3, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, MARTIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT FOUND BY COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 90° 00'00" WEST ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 495.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 90° 00'00" WEST ON SAID SOUTH SECTION LINE, 165.07 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00° 01'40" EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/8 LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4, 622.81 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH 89° 57'11" EAST ON SAID NORTH LINE, 165.15 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00° 02'05" WEST 662.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

421 122nd Ave, Shelbyville, Michigan 49344

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 5, 2026
File No. 26-000826
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(02-05)(02-26)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on March 5, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael Kuhn a married man and Jami Kuhn his wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC

Date of Mortgage: May 22, 2014

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 2, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $99,936.22

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dorr, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at the center of Section 20, Town 4 North, Range 12 West; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East on the North and South 1/4 line 301.77 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds West 340.0 feet; thence North 48 degrees 15 minutes 53 seconds East 455.62 feet to the Place of B.

Common street address (if any): 4092 21st St, Dorr, MI 49323-9471

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: February 5, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

NOTICE
OTSEGO TOWNSHIP
Allegan County – Michigan
2026 March Board of Review
Meeting Dates

Tuesday: March 3, 2026, Organizational Meeting, No Hearings 11:00AM

Wednesday: March 11, 2026, 2:00PM – 5:00PM
6:00PM – 9:00PM

Thursday: March 12, 2026, 9:00AM – 12:00PM
1:00PM – 4:00PM

Other meetings as necessary.
All reviews will be appointment.
Call (269) 694-9434 to schedule appt.
Reviews will be held at the Otsego Township Hall
400 North 16th Avenue, Otsego MI 49078
Written appeals will be accepted until 12:00PM
Thursday March 12, 2026.

The Allegan County Equalization Initial Factors & Ratios for the Otsego Township will be as follows:

Agricultural:	1.1646	42.93
Commercial:	1.1389	43.90
Industrial:	1.2042	41.52
Residential:	1.0283	48.62

Due to assessment changes Otsego Township anticipates that all ending factors will be 1.0000

Assessor: Lydia Paille
Township Clerk: Jen Colin
Dated: February 3, 2026

NOTICE
Martin Township
2026 Board of Review

The Martin Township Board of Review will be held at the Township Hall (Fire Hall), 988 Templeton, Martin, MI 49070, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 3, 9:00 a.m. — Organizational Meeting only
Monday, March 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Appeal Hearing
Thursday, March 12, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. — Appeal Hearing

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2026 assessments. Letters are accepted as appeal, provided they are received prior to the first appeal hearing. Send letter to the Martin Township Board of Review, PO Box 184, Martin, MI 49070.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2026 as provided by the Allegan County Equalization Department are as follows:

Agricultural	38.65%	1.29366
Commercial	46.12%	1.08412
Industrial	48.73%	1.02606
Residential	47.02%	1.06337
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

State Equalized Value (SEV) represents 50% of the True Cash Value of the property. Taxable Value (TV) is the lower of the SEV or the 2025 TV multiplied by the Inflation Rate Multiplier (1.027). Transfers of ownership in 2025 will cause the cap in taxable value to be removed, making the taxable value equal to the SEV for 2026.

Glenn Leep
Martin Township Supervisor
Krista Simmons
Martin Township Assessor

DORR TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW HEARINGS

The Board of Review will be meeting in March to review the Assessment Roll and hear appeals. All meetings will be held at the Dorr Township Hall, 1683 142nd Ave, Dorr, Michigan 49323. The hearings will begin on March 9, 2026. HEARINGS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please call Dorr Township Office Manager, Vicki Fifelski at 616-681-9874 ext. 105 for available appointments.

If the times available are not convenient, you may appeal by letter. Send letters to Dorr Township, 4196 18th Street, Dorr, MI 49323. All letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. 3-10-2025.

Monday March 9th 9:00 am to 12:00pm 1 pm to 4 pm
Tuesday March 10th 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
6 pm to 9:00 pm

Assessments have been adjusted to result in anticipated multipliers of 1.0000 for all classes. With "Proposal A" in effect, the Taxable Values, excluding new construction and ownership transfers, are capped at the inflation rate of 5% for the 2025 tax year. Taxes are based on Taxable Value. Also, note that if you should have a Principal Residence Exemption on your property and this is not noted on your notice, you should contact the Assessor.

2025 Starting Ratios are as follows:		Factors:	
Ag:	44.59	Ag:	1.1213
Com:	51.28	com:	0.9750
Ind:	35.53	Ind:	1.4072
Res:	47.73	Res:	1.0475

Michael Richmond, Dorr Township Assessor

TOWNSHIP OF CLYDE
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Township of Clyde Board of Review will meet Monday March 9, 2026, from 3:00pm-9:00pm and Tuesday March 10, 2026, 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm at the Clyde Township Hall, 1679 56th Street, Fennville Michigan.

Written petitions may also be sent to the Board of Review at 2386 58th Street, Fennville Michigan 49408. Property owners or their representatives must contest at the local board of review if they intend to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Ratio of State Equalized Value to True Cash Value: 50%

	Multiplier	Ratio
Agricultural	1.07968	46.31
Commercial	1.05574	47.36
Residential	1.15393	43.33
Development	NC	NC
Personal	1.0000	50.00
Industrial	1.12994	44.25

Tommie L. Giles
Clyde Township Supervisor
269-561-5214

CITY OF FENNVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Planning Commission of the City of Fennville shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of deliberating the following items on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Fennville City Hall, 125 S Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408.

1. Request for special use permit and related site plan review from Gerardo Gonzales Ramos, interested party of 301 E Main Street, also known as Permanent Parcel 03-52-700-008-00, to establish a wholesale auto dealer office within the E Enterprise District, per Section 450-1304(1) of the City of Fennville Zoning Ordinance.
2. Any other such business as comes legally before the Planning Commission.

A copy of the application and related materials are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for City residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the petition. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the City Commissioner at Fennville City Hall, 125 S Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408 or by calling City Hall at (269) 561-8321. All written comments must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify City Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

KATIE BEEMER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
CITY OF FENNVILLE
(269) 561-8321

CITY OF WAYLAND
2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 103 S Main St, Waland, MI 49348 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 10:00am Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026: 9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Wednesday, March 11, 2026: 2:00pm to 5:00pm & 6:00pm to 9:00pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00pm March 10, 2026. Mailing address is 103 S. Main St., Wayland, MI 49348.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	NC	NC
Commercial	50.11%	0.99780
Industrial	41.39%	1.20802
Residential	44.77%	1.11682
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Erik Wilson, Wayland City Manager
Grey Castello, Wayland City Assessor

Public Notices

(248) 642-2515
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MORTGAGE SALE NOTICE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on March 19, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of that certain Mortgage dated November 9, 2022 ("Mortgage"), made by EVO SAUGATUCK HOLDINGS LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, as mortgagor ("Mortgagor") to REDLAND HOLDINGS, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, as mortgagee ("Mortgagee"), recorded on November 15, 2022 in Liber 4816, Page 344, Allegan County Records; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due, as of February 5, 2026, the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Nine and 63/100 Dollars ($2,583,459.63) ("Indebtedness") as of the date of this Mortgage Sales Notice. The mortgaged premises are described as follows: land, fixtures, easements and improvements situated in the Township of Saugatuck, Allegan County, Michigan, described as follows: PARCEL A: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 3 North, Range 16 West, Saugatuck Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 00°39'57" East 719.78 feet along the West line of said Section to the South line of the North 66.00 feet of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section; thence North 89°10'09" East 85.00 feet along said South line to the East right of way line of Blue Star Highway and the Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 89°10'09" East 400.00 feet; thence South 00°39'57" East 300.00 feet; thence South 89°10'09" West 400.00 feet to said East right of way line; thence North 00°39'57" West 300.00 feet along said right of way line to the Point of Beginning. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO a 66.00 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities over that part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21, Town 3 North, Range 16 West, Saugatuck Township, Allegan County, Michigan, the centerline of which is described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 00°39'57" East 686.78 feet along the West line of said Section to the South line of the North 33.00 feet of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section and the Point of Beginning; thence North 89°10'09" East 452.00 feet along said South line; thence South 00°39'57" East 634.00 feet to the Point of Ending of said centerline. Tax Parcel No: 20-021-026-20 Common Address: 6790 Just Barns Drive, Fennville, MI 49408-8100 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or if determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c); or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated February 5, 2026, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan Redland Holdings, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company Mortgagee Honigman LLP By: Jeffrey S. Horowitz Attorneys for Mortgagee 39400 Woodward Avenue Suite 101 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-5151 (248) 566-8686
(02-05)(02-26)

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on MARCH 19, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kyle L. Rayburn, to PNC Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated October 8, 2021 and recorded October 15, 2021 in Liber 4683, Page 972 Allegan County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty and 2/100 Dollars ($183,360.02).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on MARCH 19, 2026.

Said premises are located in the City of Otsego, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

LOT 51, ELEY ACRES III, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 14 OF PLATS, PAGE 11, ALLEGAN COUNTY RECORDS.

1009 Barton Street, Otsego, Michigan 49078

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 5, 2026
File No. 26-000606
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(02-05)(02-26)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on March 19, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Danny G. Oxford and Vickie L. Oxford, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank, successor by merger to National City Mortgage, a division of National City Bank of Indiana

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: July 7, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 14, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $181,598.62

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Trowbridge, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land situated in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 1 North, Range 13 West, Trowbridge Township, Allegan County, Michigan Described as: Beginning at the Point on the Eastline of Said Section 35 Distant North 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 30 seconds East 658.92 Feet from the East 1/4 Post of said section 35: Thence North 89 Degrees 41 minutes 13 seconds West 3295.28 Feet to the West Line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Said Section 35. Thence North 00 Degrees 08 Minutes 14 seconds West Along said West Line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 a distance of 330.00 Feet; Thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 46 seconds East 3294.44 Feet to said East Section Line; Thence South 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 30 seconds along said East Section Line, 329.46 Feet to the place of beginning. Excepting therefrom that portion of land conveyed to Danny G. and Vicki L. Oxford by deed recorded September 28, 2010, In Book 3452, Page 794 of official records.

Common street address (if any): 132 26th St, Allegan, MI 49010-8779

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 12, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

TOWNSHIP OF CHESHIRE

2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 104th Ave & 41st St, Allegan, MI 49010 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 1:30 pm Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Thursday, March 12, 2026: 9:00 am – Noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 11, 2026. Mailing address is 817 Windigo Ln. Otsego, MI 49078.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	40.70%	1.22850
Commercial	41.71%	1.19875
Industrial	45.00%	1.11111
Residential	43.66%	1.14521
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Steve Revor, Supervisor
Cheshire Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor
Cheshire Township

GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 381 8th Street, Plainwell, MI 49080 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 9:00 am Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, March 11, 2026: 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 10, 2026. Mailing address is 381 8th St., Plainwell, MI 49080.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	40.17%	1.24471
Commercial	46.37%	1.07828
Industrial	44.48%	1.12410
Residential	45.24%	1.10522
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Michael VanDenBerg,
Supervisor Gun Plain Charter Township
Heather Mitchell,
Assessor Gun Plain Charter Township

TOWNSHIP OF SALEM

2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 3003 142nd Ave. Burnips, MI 49314 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: Noon Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026: 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2026: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Wednesday, March 11, 2026: 9:00 am – Noon

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 10, 2026. Mailing address is P.O. Box 49 Burnips, MI 49314.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	42.55%	1.17509
Commercial	49.10%	1.01833
Industrial	35.69%	1.40095
Residential	44.17%	1.13199
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Jim Pitsch, Supervisor Salem Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor Salem Township

TOWNSHIP OF ALLEGAN

2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 3037 118th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 4:30 pm Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2026: 9:00 am – Noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 9, 2026. Mailing address is 3037 118th Ave. Allegan, MI 49010.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	40.28%	1.24131
Commercial	45.69%	1.09433
Industrial	49.54%	1.00929
Residential	45.42%	1.10084
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Stephen A. Schulz,
Supervisor Allegan Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor Allegan Township

TOWNSHIP OF TROWBRIDGE

2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 913 S M-40 Hwy, Allegan, MI 49010 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 3:00 pm Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026:9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2026: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 9, 2026. Mailing address is 913 S M-40 Hwy Allegan, MI 49010.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	42.87%	1.16632
Commercial	39.21%	1.27518
Industrial	44.99%	1.11136
Residential	46.98%	1.06428
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Jeff Kaylor, Supervisor Trowbridge Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor Trowbridge Township

WAYLAND TOWNSHIP

2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 1060 129th Ave., Shelbyville, MI 49344 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 10:30 am Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026: 2:00 pm 5:00pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2026: 9:00 am to Noon
Thursday, March 12, 2026: 9:00 am to Noon

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 10, 2026. Mailing address is PO Box 1, Bradley, MI 49311.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	40.08%	1.24750
Commercial	45.12%	1.10816
Industrial	43.94%	1.13792
Residential	45.86%	1.09027
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Roger VanVolkinburg,
Supervisor Wayland Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor Wayland Township

Public Notices

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TO ALL CREDITORS: The Settlor, Ja
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on MARCH 19, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas J. Meisel, Jr., aka Douglas Meisel, aka Douglas John Meisel, a married man and Jacqueline M. Meisle, his spouse, as husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Independent Bank, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 10, 2020 and recorded January 16, 2020 in Instrument Number 2020-000590 Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by PHH Asset Services LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Nine and 16/100 Dollars ($178,589.16).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on MARCH 19, 2026.
Said premises are located in the Township of Orangeville, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:
Unit No. 11, Whispering Pines Estates, Orangeville Township, Barry County, Michigan, according to the Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 1023989, as amended, and designated as Barry County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 12, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.
6988 Lafountaine Dr, Plainwell, Michigan 49080
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: February 12, 2026
File No. 26-000018
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(02-12)(03-05)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00am on Thursday April 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE –Rex Loveless III, a married man, original mortgagor, granted a Mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc., dated October 22, 2021 and recorded November 2, 2021 in Liber 4691, Page 275 as Instrument No. 2021026402; and assigned Data Mortgage, Inc. DBA Essex Mortgage by document recorded January 2, 2025 in Liber 5001, Page 402 as Instrument No. 2025000004 in official records of Allegan County Register of Deeds, Michigan, which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $236,077.59. The following LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS INSTRUMENT, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF HOLLAND, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE WEST 223.32 FEET OF THE NORTH 172.08 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, CITY OF HOLLAND, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN. Commonly known as: 995 Graafschap Road, Holland, MI 49423 Tax Parcel: 03-03-02-06-300-023 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a (b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: February 16, 2026 For more information, please call: (513) 852-6066 Daniel A. Cox Wood + Lamping, LLP Attorneys for Servicer 600 Vine Street, Suite 2500, Cincinnati, OH 45202 File 26-01064
(02-19)(03-12)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26-66077-DE and JUDGE Hon. Jolene Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Audrey Ann Wierda Date of Birth:*05/25/1934
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Audrey Ann Wierda, died 12/04/2025 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Judy Block, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
02/16/26
Howard Van Den Heuvel P46369
4860 Broadmoor Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
616-698-0000
Judy Block
2580 Inverness St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616-570-2383

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65972-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Sally Ann Werner Date of Birth:*
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Sally Ann Werner, died November 5, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Shannon Irene Nolan-Aranez, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
12/17/25
Christopher P. Atallah P73224
805 Oakwood Drive, Ste. 125
Rochester, MI 48307
(248) 613-0007
Shannon Irene Nolan-Aranez
537 Berryhill Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069
(760) 522-9704

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
FILE NO.
In the matter of Sally Ann Werner
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:* David Werner and Michael Werner, and their fiduciaries, heirs, devisees, successors, and assigns (if any).
whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE:*
See Exhibit A
EXHIBIT A
On December 18 Shannon Irene Nolan-Aranez was appointed personal representative as requested in the application or petition for probate of this estate. The personal representative is serving without bond.
The papers related to the estate are on file with the Allegan County Probate Court located at 113 Chestnut St, Allegan, MI 49010. This is not a supervised administration.
The will of the decedent was admitted to probate and under which the personal representative will administer, manage, and distribute the estate.
If the personal representative was appointed informally, you or another interested person may petition the court objecting to Shannon's appointment and/or demanding that she post a bond or an additional bond. The petition must be filed with the probate court along with the applicable fee. Unless the court grants the petition, Shannon will continue to serve as appointed.
You or another interested person may petition for a hearing by the court on any matter at any time during the administration of the estate, including for distribution of assets and allowance of expenses of administration. The petition must be filed with the probate court along with the applicable fee.
To avoid penalties, the personal representative must have paid any federal estate and Michigan estate taxes within 9 months after the date of the decedent's death or another time period specified by law.
The estate may not be closed earlier than 5 months after the date of Shannon's appointment except in limited circumstances. If the estate is not settled within 1 year after the appointment, within 28 days after the anniversary of the appointment, Shannon must file with the court and send to each interested person a notice that the estate remains under administration and the reason for the continuation of the estate.
Attorney, Christopher Atallah, has been retained to provide services on behalf of the personal representative of this estate. The attorney will send a statement for services to the personal representative before payment is made. The statement shall include time records consisting of the identity of the person performing the services, the date the services were performed, the amount of time spent performing the services, and a brief description of the services. You have the right to copies of all statements and can request them from either the attorney or the personal representative.
The attorney fees will be paid via Flat Fee.
You have the right to object to the attorney fees at any time before the probate court allows the fees.
If you want to make an objection it must be made in writing or at a hearing. See below for directions on written objections. A written objection must be filed with the probate court along with a $20.00 filing fee. You may file your objection by mail or in person at the above court address. A copy of the written objection must also be sent to either the personal representative or attorney named below. The court will not hold a hearing on your objection unless you or another person request one. To request a hearing you must file a petition for a formal proceeding with the probate court along with a $20.00 filing fee. A copy of the petition must also be sent to either the personal representative or the attorney named below.
12/17/25
Christopher P. Atallah P73224
805 Oakwood Drive, Ste. 125
Rochester, MI 48307
(248) 613-0007
Shannon Irene Nolan-Aranez
537 Berryhill Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069
(760) 522-9704

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust After Death
No Formal Probate
Trust Administration Unsupervised
In the Matter of Kathleen Ann Schipper, Deceased
and the Kathleen A. Schipper Living Trust dated August 31, 2016
Date of Birth: March 15, 1933
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent Kathleen A. Schipper, who lived at 4279 — 48% Street, Holland, Michigan 49423, died on November 28, 2025. She is the settlor or grantor of a trust, the Kathleen A. Schipper Living Trust dated August 31, 2016.
Creditors of the decedent or the trust are notified that all claims against the decedent or the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Randall G. Schipper at 4397 — 134" Avenue, Hamilton, Michigan 49419, or Barbara L. Venema at 9927 N. 12" Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009, as co-trustees, or to the trust's attorney, James A. Donkersloot at 132 E. Main Avenue, P.O. Box 230, Zeeland, Michigan 49464, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
February 12, 2026
Donkersloot Law Office
James A. Donkersloot, P-30433
132 E. Main Avenue, P.O. Box 230
Zeeland, MI 49464
(616) 772-9000
Randall G. Schipper, Co-Trustee
4397 — 134" Avenue
Hamilton, MI 49419
(616) 402-3082
Barbara L. Venema, Co-Trustee
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Kalamazoo, MI 49009
(269) 352-4764

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 24-65063-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Royden E Jones Jr Date of Birth:*05/27/43
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Royden E Jones Jr, died 4/22/24 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Valerie R Jones, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
2-13-26
Valerie R Jones
5861 Preservation Dr
Hamilton MI 49419
248-495-9595

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on March 19, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Matthew Eldean and Jami Eldean, husband and wife and Matthew Eldean, Trustee of the Matthew Eldean Trust Dated 12/19/2002
Original Mortgagee: Lake Michigan Credit Union
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None
Date of Mortgage: August 26, 2015
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 23, 2015
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $299,489.66
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Laketown, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 4 North, Range 16 West, Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 Corner of said Section 2; thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes 58 seconds East 2649.64 feet along the North line of said Southwest 1/4 to the Central 1/4 Corner of said Section 2; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 10 seconds West 805.00 feet along the East line of said Southwest 1/4 to the place of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 10 seconds West 366.34 feet along said East line; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 50 seconds West 578.31 feet; thence Northwesterly 67.99 feet along the arc of a 60.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears North 34 degrees 18 minutes 26 seconds West 64.41 feet; thence Northwesterly 46.17 feet along the arc of a 50.00 foot radius curve to the right, the chord of which bears North 40 degrees 19 minutes 03 seconds West 44.54 feet; thence Northwesterly 34.55 feet along the arc of a 383.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears North 16 degrees 27 minutes 04 seconds West 34.54 feet; thence North 69 degrees 24 minutes 38 seconds East 698.15 feet to the place of beginning, Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan.
Common street address (if any): 4657 Arbor Trl, Holland, MI 49423-8901
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: February 19, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(02-19)(03-12)

ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Trust
In the matter of the Algirdas Vileisis Revocable Trust established June 1, 2017; restated October 1, 2019, May 30, 2025, and July 15, 2025; amended September 30, 2017, and September 13, 2024.
Algirdas Vileisis was the grantor of the Trust and his date of birth was September 29, 1949.
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Algirdas Vileisis, died November 27, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Brittain, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Jessica Arends P75919
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 49423
816-392-1821
Robert Brittain
4570 Lena Smith Blvd.
Minneapolis, MN 55406
303-918-2852

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-66001 DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Felix J. Survilla Date of Birth:*05/30/1931
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Felix J. Survilla, died 11/10/2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jo Survilla, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Michael B. Walling P55771
4625 Beckley Road, Bldg, 400
Battle Creek, Michigan 49015
269-968-1101
Jo Survilla
PO Box 22
Otsego, MI 49078

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 02, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Danny Creswell, unmarried man Original Mortgagee: Union Home Mortgage Corp. Date of mortgage: January 24, 2024 Recorded on February 16, 2024, Liber 4921, on Page 75, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Three and 00/100 Dollars ($155,933.00) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lot 717, The Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page 344, Allegan County Records. Commonly known as 207 Cherry St, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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(02-19)(03-12)

SYNOPSIS MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2026

Supervisor Ringelberg called the workshop meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 5:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Jim Delaney, Mike Koeman, Jim Johnson, Steven Ringelberg, Mark Timmerman
ABSENT: None

The following motions were made, supported and carried:
- To move the regular February meeting to Friday, Feb. 20, at 3 p.m. at the township hall.
- To set the public hearing for the budget on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6 p.m. at the township hall.
- To adjourn at 6:17 p.m.

Jim Hayden
Public Information Coordinator

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP
Fillmore Township Resident Budget Hearing
Tuesday March 10, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Fillmore Township Board of Trustees will hold their annual BUDGET HEARING at the Fillmore Township Hall, 4219 52nd St. Holland, MI Tuesday March 10, 2026, at 7:30pm. The purpose of the hearing will be to review that Budget of the General Fund.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF THIS MEETING.

A copy of the Proposed Budget for 2026-2027 will be available at the Township Office during normal office hours of Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am to 12Noon. Office number 269.751.7655.

Elaine Mokma, Clerk
Fillmore Township

NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Allegan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Allegan, Michigan, shall on February 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM, at the City Council Chambers, Allegan City Hall 231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, Michigan, hold a public hearing on the following item:

1. Ordinance 535 to approve a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) in the amount of 3% for Parcel 03-51-251- 041-00

At that time and place, the City Council shall hear and consider comments, concerns, statements, information, or other communications concerning the proposed amendment to the City of Allegan Code of Ordinances. Please send all written comments to the address listed below. Comments can also be sent to ccanales@cityofallegan.org by 5:00PM on February 23, 2026.

Allegan City Hall is barrier free. The City of Allegan will provide necessary auxiliary aids and services for persons with disabilities, such as signers for hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at a city meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring such services should contact the City Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

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BY: Carol Canales, Deputy Clerk

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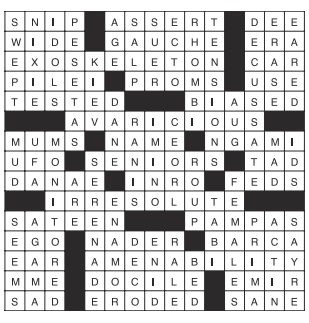

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